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LIMITS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, AND A PORTION OF THE GRANTS AND CHARTERS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONSISTING OF PAPERS RELATING TO THE GRANTING OF THE VARIOUS LINES AND BODIES OF TOWNS, WITH ACTS IN REGARD TO TOWN BOUNDS IN GENERAL, AND MANY DOCUMENTS PRODUCED BY DISPUTES BETWEEN TOWNS CONCERNING THEIR BOUNDARY LINES,

WITH ILLUSTRATIVE MAPS AND PLANS AND COMPLETE INDEXES.

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PREFACE.

The disposition of the territory which is now included in the State of New Hampshire, and which was considered as vested in the crown by discovery and conquest, and the final assurance of undisputed titles among the people, was accomplished under peculiar conditions and after almost endless postponement. An early confusion and conflict of authority in the transmission of the patents affecting indefinite tracts, through the intervention of the Council of Plymouth in the first instance, and in the subsequent assumption and exercise of the right to hold and dispose of the same lands in the name of the King by the early governors of the province, was sufficient to keep the people of the province in long protracted difficulty over the titles to the soil which they occupied. Throughout the entire history of the province the title of Mason, the first patentee, was a potent element in affairs of the pioneer settlers and of the province, rendering all other titles uncertain, and constantly disturbing business and government. Interwoven with all this were the most determined assertions of rights by long continued occupancy, and by conveyances which had apparently been made in compliance with all the forms of law by the aboriginal masters of the domain. What of progress the towns of Portsmouth, Dover, Hampton, and Exeter accomplished before the erection of the provincial government under President Cutt, in 1679, was in the midst of the most embarrassing complications growing out of the confusion which prevailed in land titles accompanied by repeated changes in the conditions of colonial jurisdiction. The documentary history of these first towns is intimately involved in that of the state in its beginning. Papers illustrating this epoch have been given in prior volumes. Those now to be presented relate more particularly to the individual towns in which settlements were effected at a later date than the formal establishment of the province in 1679. An exceptional political history and character belonged to a group of towns of which Dunstable was the earliest settled. These were treated as Massachusetts territory without serious question for a considerable period, and for this reason much of their documentary history has been sought in the archives of that commonwealth. The papers which pertain to the towns of this group are here included under the general title of "Massachusetts Grants," although the term may not be exactly descriptive.

As regards the mode of passing titles to the domain of the King in the province, in the period which followed the date of a settled government, it will be remembered

that the Governor and Council appointed by royal commission from time to time for purposes of administration in the province were empowered to dispose of lands in the King's name. As early as 1686, in the commission of Edmund Andros as Governor of the territory and dominion of New England, a specific grant and definition of the authority delegated for this purpose is made in the following terms:

"AND WEE do likewise give and grant unto you full power and authority, by and 'with the advice and consent of our said Council, to agree with the planters and inhab- "itants of our said territory and dominion, concerning such lands, tenements and "hereditaments, as now are or shall hereafter be in our power to dispose of, and them "to grant unto any person or persons for such terms, and under such moderate quit- "rents, services, and acknowledgements to be thereupon reserved unto us, as shall "be appointed by us, which said grants are to pass and to be sealed by our Seal of "New-England, and (being entered upon record by such officer and officers as you "shall appoint thereunto) shall be good and effectual in law against us, our heirs "and successors."—2, *Provincial Papers* p. 9.

The commission of Joseph Dudley as Governor of the Province of New Hampshire, issued in 1702, contains a similar declaration, viz.,—

"And wee doe hereby likewise give and Grant unto you full power and Authority "by and with the advice of our said Councill, to agree with the Inhabitants of our "Province and Territories aforesaid for such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments "as now are, or hereafter shall be, in our power to dispose of and them to Grant "to any person or persons for such Termes and under such moderate Quitt Rents, "services and acknowledgements to be thereupon Reserved unto us, as you by and "with the Advice aforesaid shall think fitt; which said Grants are to pass and be "Sealed by our Seale of New Hampshire, and being entered upon Record by such "Officer or Officers as you shall appoint thereunto, shall be good and effectual in "Law against us our Heires and Successors."—2, *Provincial Papers*, p. 373.

The New Hampshire grants made under these and succeeding administrations conform substantially to the form thus expressed. The quit-rents reserved were indeed "moderate." These clauses mention the payment for ten years of the rent of one ear of Indian corn only, and thereafter one shilling of proclamation money yearly for each hundred acres owned or possessed, and like nominal reservations.

The grantees under a charter became a *quasi* corporation in each instance. They were generally known in common and legal parlance as "proprietors." In that capacity they effected and maintained organizations which disposed of the land taken in a large body under the charter of the proprietors or others as individuals. Thus the township, that is, the land which was the subject of the grant, was surveyed and divided into lots suitable for farms, mill privileges, or public uses. The individual obtained his title from the corporation, that is to say, from the proprietors or the proprietary, as it was sometimes termed. The distribution among the proprie-

tors of the fractional parts into which the township was divided might have been by lot, or by vote of the corporation, or by deed. In either event the individual grantee was invested as to his holding, with all the right and title which passed from the King to the corporation. As the division and distribution of the township as a territorial property progressed, the functions of the corporation were proportionately limited, and eventually ceased for want of subject-matter on which the corporate powers might operate.

The records which will be included in this and subsequent volumes are generally termed "town charters." They may be considered as in three principal classes: first, those which conveyed title to townships and lesser tracts within the territorial limits of New Hampshire, but were issued under authority of the Massachusetts government; second, those grants made by authority of the Governor and Council of the Province of New Hampshire, acting directly under royal commission; third. the Masonian charters, or grants made by the proprietors of the Masonian title, which has been a familiar subject in New Hampshire history from its beginning.

In the arrangement of the material which follows, the first in order are the so-called Massachusetts grants, which were a practical assertion of jurisdiction and the right of possession and disposal, comprehending, at one time, all the territory south of an east and west line in which Endicott Rock at The Weirs is a monument, and afterwards a more limited area. These documents are principally from the Massachusetts archives, and were carefully selected and transcribed for this use by Mr. Otis G. Hammond, who personally made the copies, and subsequently compared the transcripts with the originals with the utmost care. Some of these papers are of a very early date, but the greater part belong chronologically in the few years immediately preceding the settlement of the boundary line controversy in 1741. The efforts of Massachusetts to plant settlements friendly to their interests in the disputed region were discontinued about this time, but petitions and other documents which were the aftermath of the principal contention are included, and placed in their proper town sections. The two towns of Rindge and Salisbury, in this class, were granted to the same body of petitioners, and by one vote of the Massachusetts legislature. This vote will be found with the Salisbury papers. Reference should be had to Vol. XIX for the material which is of more general interest in the history of the boundary line controversy. Its later aspects may be studied in the recent reports of the commissioners of the two states principally interested, to whom the subject has been committed.

The next in order are the charters granted by the provincial Governor and Council of New Hampshire, to which reference has already been made. The original instruments were issued to the grantees named, but copies were kept in the office of the Secretary of the province. These are preserved in five volumes, which accompanied the last royal Governor, John Wentworth, into exile in 1775, but were considerately returned to the state after the Revolution. These grants will

be presented in two sections, the first being those relating to lands within the present limits of this state, and the second comprising the so-called New Hampshire Grants, which are now within the jurisdiction of Vermont.

The Massachusetts government, beset with numerous petitions for lands, finally came to the point of granting townships, not only singly, but in contiguous series, commonly termed "lines of towns," all the towns in a certain line being disposed of by a single act. These lines were planned to most effectually protect the frontiers, and the four lines laid out within the present limits of this state, had they been completely settled, would have formed an irregular quadrilateral, the sides extending from Old Dunstable to Northfield, Mass., thence up the east side of the Connecticut River, thence across the country in a comparatively straight course to Penacook, now Concord, thence down the Merrimack River to Dunstable again. The lines from Penacook to the Great Falls in Connecticut River and down the river on the east side are the only sides in which the idea was carried out to any important extent, according to the documents we have, the towns in the other two sides being afterwards disposed of singly. The towns in the north side of this figure were numbered from 1 to 9, and comprised Warner, Bradford, Acworth, Alstead, Hopkinton, Henniker, Hillsborough, Washington, and Lempster, in the order named. The west side consisted of Chesterfield, Westmoreland, Walpole, and Charlestown, numbered from 1 to 4. The papers relating to these lines of towns in general and to no one town in particular, occupy the first place in the appendix.

Besides these, there are three other instances of collective grants, though the townships under these grants were not laid out in lines, but rather in bodies or wherever suitable territory might be found. The Ashuelot townships, so named from their situation on the Ashuelot River, were our present towns of Keene and Swanzey. The Canada townships were granted to survivors and descendants of deceased participants in the Canada expedition of 1690. The towns of Dunbarton, Lyndeborough, New Boston, Richmond, Rindge, Salisbury, and Weare were originally granted to these men. The survivors of the Narragansett War and the heirs of those who lost their lives in the service, or of those who were otherwise deceased meantime, also received grants at the rate of one township of six miles square for every one hundred and twenty persons. A list of these claimants showed that eight hundred and forty persons were entitled to consideration, and afterwards two hundred and thirty-two more were found, making one thousand and seventy-two, calling for nine townships. Only three of these, Amherst, Goffstown, and Bedford, were in this state, and they were numbered 3, 4, and 5. The others were located in Maine and Massachusetts. Papers relating to these three bodies of towns are also contained in the appendix. The remainder of the appendix is occupied by documents relating to the settlement of the boundaries between various towns.

The third and last instalment will include the grants made under authority of the Masonian Proprietors. The Masonian title extended over a considerable portion of that part of the state which had been relieved of the claim of Massachusetts by the King's decree in 1741, as well as to territory elsewhere within the bounds of the original Masonian patent. While the claim of Mason appears as an important factor in New Hampshire history for a hundred and fifty years or more from the publication of the Masonian patent, its existence had been more a subject of legal and political contention than a foundation for quiet and peaceable possession of lands by actual settlers, until it became the property of a syndicate of twelve persons in 1746. The history of the title is outlined in the early chapters of Belknap's History of New Hampshire, but the account of the transactions by which it passed to this proprietary is given in his chapter XXI. It appears that these parties for prudential reasons immediately quit-claimed title to certain towns within the limits of their purchase which had at that date been substantially settled. The original deed is in the Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, page 57, dated July 31, 1746, and the towns named therein are Portsmouth, Dover, Exeter, Hampton, Gosport, Kingston, Derry (Londonderry), Chester, Nottingham, Barrington, Rochester, Canterbury, Bow, Chichester, Epsom, and Barnstead.

It will not be timely here to extend the account of the proceedings of these new owners of the Masonian lands farther than to state that they exercised their rights of property by disposing of townships in a manner quite similar to that which had been followed in the grants by the Governor and Council in the latter part of the provincial period. The terms, conditions, and reservations of their grants are briefly stated by Belknap, Farmer's edition, p. 299, and the text of any of these instruments in its full extent may be examined with advantage to the student of the subsequent volumes, in which they will be reproduced. One of these charters is printed in full in the History of Rindge, chapter 11, which contains a clear and adequate exposition of the results which followed this revival and recognition of the Masonian title. It may be remarked that the grantees' and surveyors' plans which accompany the grants are in all cases copied and used as illustrations so far as available. Whenever the record or text of the grant is unaccompanied by a plan, it is in the exceptional instance that none has been preserved.

In the consideration of this work a marked distinction should be recognized between the township charters and the acts of incorporation. A part of the charters emanating from the Governor and Council seem to combine some of the elements of the ordinary municipal act of incorporation with terms apt for the transmission of title to land, and various privileges respecting it. The charter of Kingston, 1694, not only conveys to the inhabitants the township with the streets, lanes, and highways, but it also makes provision for the political organization of the town. The charter of New Castle, 1696, is to the same effect.

But in the Massachusetts grants and in those issued under the Masonian authority,

there is no attempt to confer political privileges on the grantees. It was understood that these privileges were to be derived from the general or special acts of the assembly regulating the assumption of municipal organization by the people of the towns considered as a territorial unit. This was the theory on which town government was developed when settlements had been effected under the charters. It may not be possible in all cases to trace this development in its regular stages. The logical order was, first, the township charter, and, second, the act of incorporation. The authority for the assumption of the powers and privileges of municipal self-government is sometimes found in the terms of the charter, and sometimes in special legislative acts of incorporation. In a few instances the inhabitants of towns seem to have assumed the functions of organized towns without these usual legal pre-requisites. *Bow* v. *Allenstown*, 34 N. H. Reports, 351. As a rule, however, the history of the origin of municipal government in the several New Hampshire towns is not obscure. The granting of bodies of land as townships to a number of grantees, whether by the intervention of province authority or through the Masonian proprietary, was quite another affair. The act was by a formal instrument of conveyance to a number of persons duly named as grantees. In a large number of our own province charters it will be noted that the elements of an act of incorporation for the exercise of political powers are not included.

As the towns became stronger and more populous, it was not infrequent that parishes were erected by acts of the assembly. The towns often covered a large territory, hence the extension of settlements and changes in the centres of population demanded additional places for religious worship and consequent division of the the towns as church supporting establishments. This was one stage in the breaking up of the old towns, which preceded the erection of new ones upon the framework of the parish. The functions of this class of municipal corporations were well defined, and the transition from parish to town was the usual result of the parish establishment. *(IX, Bouton, Town Papers, 717.)*

A comparison of those township charters which were drawn simply for the purpose of passing a township of land to designated grantees, with acts incorporating towns and parishes, will indicate more clearly the radical distinction between the latter as municipal corporations established for the administration of political affairs, and the former as *quasi* corporations established, as was said in the case of *Wells* v. *Burbank*, 17 N. H. Reports, 393, for the sale and partition of lands.

The publication of these instruments with the accompanying papers will open new opportunities for the study of features of local and state history which have hitherto been obscure. The original titles to the subdivisions of large areas will be made accessible to all who are interested in examining them. The movement of population on the several lines over which the settlement of regions outside the four ancient towns of the province of New Hampshire, can be more accurately and systematically traced by the names of grantees, and by the dates of grants which mark

the extension of emigration in all directions over New Hampshire and Vermont. Carefully prepared and complete indexes to the names of all persons and places mentioned in the volume will render their contents immediately available for reference. The township maps which are prepared for this volume are copies of those of Blanchard and Langdon, Jeffries, and Holland. The papers in the body of the volume are arranged alphabetically under the modern names of the towns to which they relate. The preliminary note under each caption contains citations to the principal publications on the local history of the towns. There are many works of the gazetteer class which give summaries of town history and statistics. As these have not been cited in the town notes, it will suffice to mention them by titles in this connection. In the order of publication are Merrill's, 1817, pp. 231; Farmer and Moore's, 1823, pp. 276; Heywood's (New England, with treatment of N. H. towns), 1839; New Hampshire As It Is, by E. A. Charlton, 1856, pp. 592–4; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England (with N. H. section), 1858; Fogg's Gazetteer, 1874, pp. 647. The Walling series of county maps, 1860, give town geography in minute detail, and are intended to name and locate each householder, most of the places of business, and the public and religious establishments. The Atlas of New Hampshire is a later effort in the same direction but the results are presented in a different form. See mention of N. H. maps, by William Little, X, Granite Monthly, p. 360, and Hitchcock's Geology of New Hampshire, chapter on topography, vol. 1, p. 169. Other lines of New Hampshire historical literature are of necessity in part general and in part local in their subject-matter and method. Such are Potter's "Military History," 1866–'68; Moore's "Printers and Printing," 1886; Bell's "Bench and Bar," 1894; Chapin's "New Hampshire Poets," 1883; Watson's "Physicians and Surgeons," in press; Carter's "Native Ministry," in preparation. Picturesque New Hampshire has been treated in a class of literature which embodies much of local history and description. Among the more important are N. J. Bachelder's "Summer Resorts," and Sweetser's "White Mountains." See also the editor's note on historical literature of New Hampshire now in preparation, Vol. XIV of the Granite Monthly, p. 365.

In the consideration of these towns as factors in government, and in the review or continuation of such studies as have been made by the authors of De Tocqueville's "Democracy in America," Bryce's "American Commonwealth," Joel Parker's "New England Towns," and Dillon's "Municipal Corporations," recourse should also be had to the reported decisions of the Supreme Court. So far as they relate to town history, town government, and other subjects of local concern, they are readily accessible by the aid of the digests of decisions, in the municipal clerks' offices, and in law libraries, and are replete with information and suggestions.

The more general questions of boundary, as that of Canada, affecting especially the Indian Stream territory, and that of Maine, of Massachusetts, and of Vermont, enter very largely into the history of the border towns, but a general reference to the

literature of those controversies, hereafter cited, suffices for the present purpose. The compilation of material for this series of volumes of town charters and the accompanying illustrations has necessitated extensive research, and has taken many directions and brought us in contact with, and placed us under obligations to many persons, in private as well as in official relations. With regret we find it impracticable to make full mention of all who have cordially rendered aid by responding with important information, and by other active coöperation. But principal among these are Secretary Olin, of Massachusetts, Secretary Stearns, of New Hampshire, and Mr. Hammond, our efficient office assistant. Governor Smith and members of his council have manifested an interest in the undertaking which has made them familiar with its progress, and rendered its presentation in these and the succeeding volumes more complete in form, and more satisfactory in substance.

The next volume to be issued will be on the same general plan as this, and will be a continuation of the New Hampshire provincial charters.

THE EDITOR.

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ACWORTH.

[This town was probably *Number* 3 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735–6. Granted by New Hampshire as *Burnet* to Col. Sampson Stoddard and others, Dec. 28, 1752, and named in honor of Gov. William Burnet. Regranted as *New Burnet*, Nov. 17, 1761, to Stoddard and others. Incorporated as Acworth (sometimes spelled *Ackworth*), Sept. 19, 1766, and named in honor of Lord Acworth. The charter was renewed May 30, 1772.

See New Hampshire charters, following; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 1; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation of this town in the movement by western New Hampshire towns in conjunction with towns in Vermont, for a new state composed of towns on both sides of the Connecticut River, or other rearrangement of state lines by a union of western New Hampshire towns with Vermont, or annexation of Vermont towns to New Hampshire; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 1; Index to New Hampshire Laws, 9; History, by J. L. Merrill, 1869, pp. 306.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 24, 1737.]

A Petition of *Joseph Weld*, *Joseph Ruggles*, and *Ebenezer Pierpont*, a Committee of the Grantees or Proprietors of the Township Number *Three* in the Line of Towns, shewing that

upon a careful view of the said Township, it appears to be so Mountainous and Rocky &c. that is not fit for making a Settlement, which was their full Purpose, praying they may be released from their Obligations, and obtain a new Grant in Lieu thereof near the Great *Menadnuck's* for the Reasons mentioned. Read and *Ordered*, That the Petition be continued to Tuesday next the 28th currant.

[Mass. House Journal, June 28, 1737.]

A Petition of *Joseph Weld* and others, a Committee of the Grantees of the Township Number *Three* in the Line of Towns, praying for an Exchange &c. on Account of the roughness of the said Township, as entered the 25th. Read again, and after some debate, *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the next sitting of the Court for further Consideration.

[Mass. House Journal, July 1, 1737.]

A Memorial of *Joseph Weld*, and others, a Committee of the Grantees of the Township Number *Three* in the Line of Towns, praying that for as much as their former Petition in the present Session for an Exchange of said Township, which proves very mountainous Land is referred over for Consideration, that one or more of the Court's Committee for laying out the Line of Towns, with some of the Petitioners to wait on them, may in the mean time be directed to take a careful View of the said Township, the Charge to be paid out of the Grantees Money remaining in the Hands of the Court's Committee paid at the admission of the Grantees; in order that a true Information may be had of the Quality of the said Township, when that Affair shall come under consideration again. Read and *Ordered*, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted; the Charge of the Committee's View to be paid out of the surplusage of the Grantees Money, as within mentioned.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 3, 1737.]

A Memorial of *Joseph Weld* and others, a Committee of the Grantees of the Township Number *Three* in the Line of Towns, praying they may obtain a Grant of a Township adjoyning to the Line of Towns, and lying upon the Township Number *Six* and *Seven*, in consideration of the extraordinary meanness and barrenness of the said Township Number *Three*, formerly granted them, and as agreable to the Petition, as entred the 24*th* of *June* last. Read and *Ordered*, That this Petition be considered on Wednesday the seventh currant.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 7, 1737.]

A Memorial of *Joseph Weld* and others, a Committee of the Grantees of the Township No. 3, praying as entred the 3^{d} Currant; read again, and *Ordered*, that the Consideration of this Memorial be referred to the next *May* Session.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 16, 1737.]

A Memorial of *Joseph Weld* and others, a Committee of the Township Number *Three* in the Line of Towns, praying that their former Petition to the Court in their present sitting, may be now considered, for the Reasons mentioned. Read, and the Question was put, *Whither the Petition shall be sustained.*

It pass'd in the Negative.

[Mass. House Journal, June 15, 1739.]

A Petition of *Joseph Weld*, *Joseph Ruggles*, and *Ebenezer Pierpont*, a Committee of the Proprietors of the Township Number *Three* in the Line of Towns, shewing the Land in said Township Number *Three*, on a View of it in the Years 1737 and 1738, is so rough and mountainous, as renders it unfit for Settlement, altho' the said Proprietors have been at upwards of *three hundred and fifty Pounds* Charge in using Methods for Settlement, pray-

ing they may be allowed a Grant of a new Township in lieu of said Number *Three*, for the reasons mentioned.

Read and *Ordered*, That the Petition lie on the Table.

ALSTEAD.

[This town was probably *Number* 4 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735–6. Granted by New Hampshire as *Newton*, Dec. 28, 1752, to John Towle and others. Regranted Aug. 6, 1763, to Samuel Chase and others, and incorporated as Alstead. The charter was renewed Jan. 25, 1772.

See New Hampshire charters, following; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 5; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, 398, 400, as to movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 21; Index to Laws, 17; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 114.]

[*Petition of Proprietors of No. 4, for Equivalent Grant, 1770.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 118, p. 410.]

Province of the } To the Honorable Thomas Hutchinson Esq^r^
Massachusetts Bay } Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's said Province, the Honorable Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, March 15^th^ A D, 1770.

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth,

That Some of Your Petitioners and the Predecessors of the others Obtain'd a Grant, from the Great & General Court of a Township of Land, Several Years Since, Which was then Laid out between the Rivers of Connecticut and Merrimack in the Line of Towns; That the House Lots in said Township were Alloted to the Proprietors, and some further Orders of the General Court Relative to the Settlement of said Township were (by the said Proprietors) Performed to the Satisfaction of a Committee from said Honorable Court, as may Appear by the Proprietors Book of Record Sign'd by the Honorable William Dudley Esq^r^ Chairman of said Committee. And that said Proprietors were Resolutely Pursuing all other Proper Measures in order for a

Speedy Settlement, but very soon after to their great Damage and Disappointment, and after the Payment of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds to the Committee aforesaid, and a further Expence of more than Double that Sum, besides Expence of Time, they were Deprived of said Township, by its being Set off to the Province of New-Hampshire by the Determination of His Majesty King George the Second, in the Settlement of the Boundaries of the Provinces aforesaid; And your Petitioners must Remain Remediless in the Premisses without the Interposition of this most Honorable Court, they therefore most humbly Pray that Your Honors would be pleased to take the Same into Your wise Consideration, and According to Your known Justice and Clemency, to Grant them another Township in Lieu of that which they were deprived of, as a Retaliation for their great Loss, and Your most humble Suppliants (as in duty bound) shall ever Pray.

Joshua Fuller
Samuel Jackson on the Right of Cap^{t} Samuel Jackson
Jonathan Williams Jun^{r} on the Right of John Spring
Thomas Greenwood Ebenezer Stearns Oakes Angier
Isaac Jackson on the Right of Isaac Jackson
Thaddeus Trowbridge on the Right of William Trowbridge
Jonathan Williams on the Right of William Williams
Thomas Quinier
Stephen Harris on the Right of Thomas Harris
David Sanger on the Right of David Sanger
Ephraim Burridge on the Right of John Burridge
Peter Durrell Samuel Shattuck
Nathaniel Smith William Coollidge
Amos Livermore on the Right of Oliver Livermore
Josiah Brown on the Right of William Brown
Josiah Goddard
William Park on the Right of Richard Park
William Park Ebenezer Brown
Jonas Coollidge on the Right of Jonas Coollidge
Nathaniel Spring
Christopher Grant Jun^{r} on the Right of Christopher Grant
Samuel Fuller on the Right of Isaac Fuller
Jonathan Learned on the Right of Ebenezer Goddard
William Dana Jonathan Learned
Seth Storer on the Right of Jonathan Bemis
Nathaniel Stone on the Right of Moses Hastings
Josiah Mixer Daniel Robbins

James Hay on the Right of Richard Coolidge
Joseph Coolidge Josiah Fuller
Nehemiah Mason on the Right of Joseph Mason Esq^{r}
Daniel Bond on the Right of Daniel Bond
Abraham Whitney on the Right of John Whitney
Nathaniel Collidge on the Right of Thaddeus Coollidge
Elisha Learned on the Right of David Learned
Samuel Randall
Ezekiel Whitney on the Right of David Whitney
John Stowel Benjamin Bond James Dix
George Harrington George Harrington Jun^{r}
Josiah Bisco on the Right of Thomas Bisco
Edmund Bernard on the Right of Samuel Stowel
Samuel Hide on the Right of Richard King
William Coollidge Jun^{r} on the Right of Joseph Allen
William Coollidge on the Right of John Coollidge
Thomas Frost
Thad^{s} Trowbridge on the Right of Caleb Trowbridge
Samuel Jackson on the Right of Edward Jackson
David Coollidge David Livermore Nathaniel Stone

The Names of the Petitioners withinmentioned, were Entred Agreeable to a Vote of the Majority of said Petitioners at their Meeting on the 12th Day of March, A D, 1770.

Joshua Fuller } Com^{tee} for said
William Coollidg } Petitioners

AMHERST.

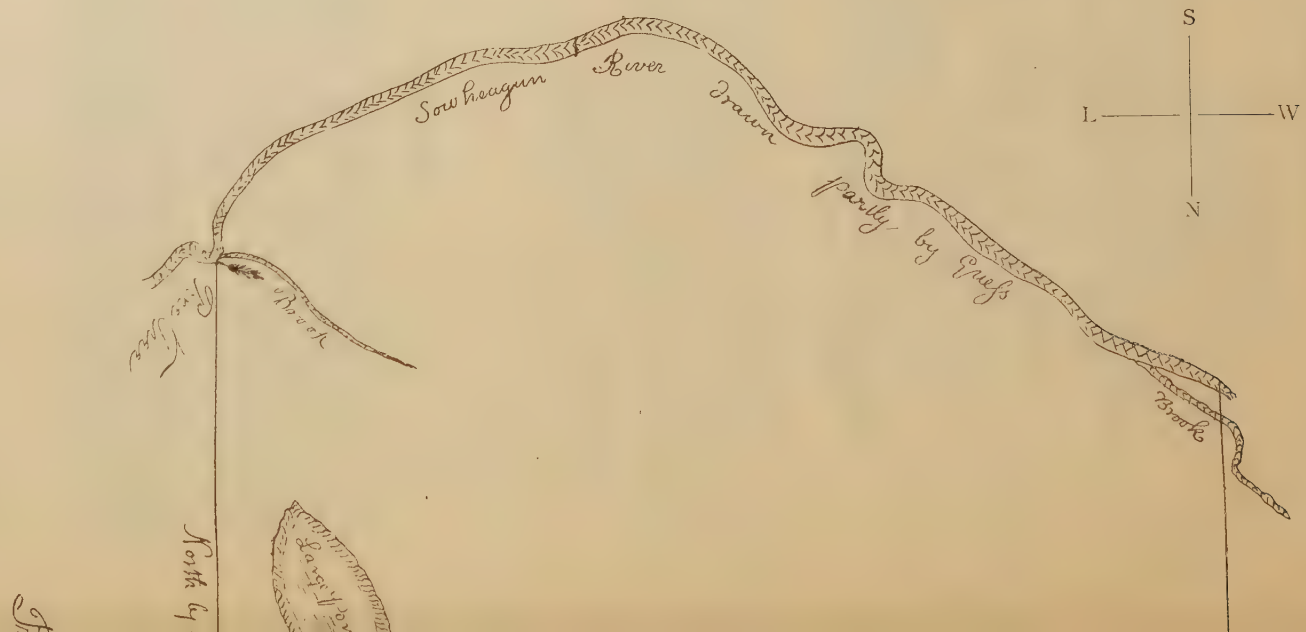
[Granted by Massachusetts as *Narragansett No.* 3, Dec. 18, 1728. It was afterwards called *Salem Narragansett* and *Souhegan West*. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 1, 1759. Incorporated as Amherst, Jan. 18, 1760, and named in honor of Lord Jeffry Amherst. The charter was renewed in April, 1762. A large part of Monson was annexed in 1770. A portion of the town was combined with parts of Hollis and Mile Slip to make up the town of Milford, Jan. 11, 1794. Mont Vernon was set off and incorporated Dec. 15, 1803.

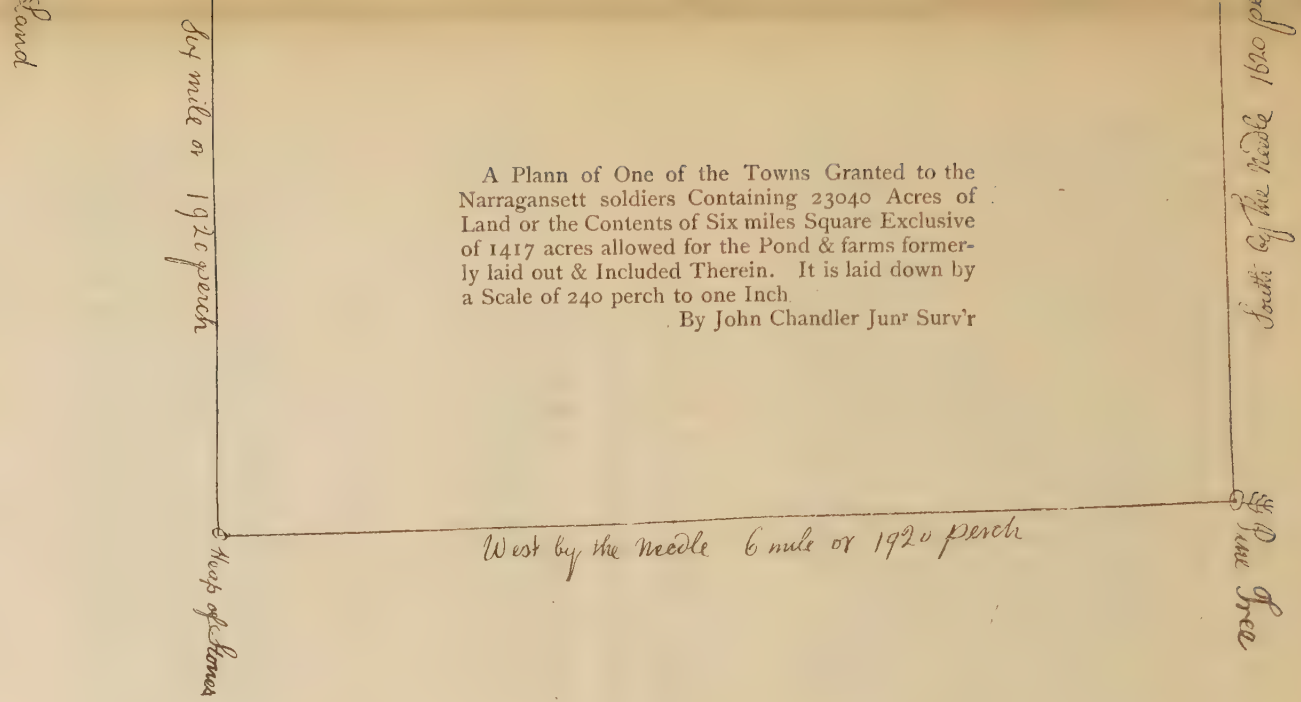
See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers, in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 6; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 57; Index to Laws, 18; historical sketch by John Farmer, 5, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 79; petition of inhabitants, id., 253; history, by Daniel F. Secomb, 1883, pp. 978; sketch by same, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 219.]

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 6, p. 31.]

The Plan hereto Annexed Shews the bounds of a Tract of Land laid out for one of the Towns Granted by the Gen^{ll} Court to the Narragansett Soldiers it Lyes on the North Side Sowheagan River and Adjoyning thereto on the South. The East part of it is about four or five Mile Westward of Merrimack River, and is at or Near the East end of the Late proposed Line of Towns between Dunstable and Northfield there is in it a Sufficient Quantyty of Improveable Land Capable of making a good Town. The whole plan Contains 24457 Acres which is 1417 Acres More than is Contained in Six miles Square which we are Humbly of Opinion ought to be Allowed for the Pond and for Part of three Farms that were formerly laid out, & now Included in This Survey. It was Surveyed in the month of Octo^{r} 1728 with the Assistance of Mr Jonas Houghton Surveyor, & John Goss & Stephen Mighill Chainmen, who were Sworn by Joseph Wilder Esqr.

John Chandler Jun^{r}
Edw^{d} Shove } Com'itte
John Hobson




A Plann of One of the Towns Granted to the Narragansett soldiers Containing 23040 Acres of Land or the Contents of Six miles Square Exclusive of 1417 acres allowed for the Pond & farms formerly laid out & Included Therein. It is laid down by a Scale of 240 perch to one Inch
By John Chandler Junr Surv'r
West by the needle 6 mile or 1920 perch
South by the needle 1820 perch
Heads of the Rivers

In the House of Representatives—December 18th 1728 Read and accepted and Voted That the Land protracted and described in the within plann be and hereby is confirmed to the officers and Soldiers belonging to this Province, who were in the Service of their Country in the late Naraganset War, and to their heirs and assigns or lawfull Representatives,—provided it exceeds not the Quantity of Land within mentioned, nor interferes with any other or former Grant of this Court, provided also they comply with the Conditions mentioned in the said vote of 7th June for Setling the said Town—

Sent up for Concurrence
In Council Dec: 18. 1728—Read & Concur'd
Consented to,

Wm Dudley Speakr
J. Willard Sec'ry
W Burnet

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 18, 1728.]

A Plat of One of the Towns granted to the *Narraganset* Soldiers, Surveyed and laid out by an Order of this Court of the Seventh of *June* last by Major *Chandler*, Mr. *Shove*, and Mr. *Hobson*, adjoining to *Sowheagen*-River, and lying on the North-side thereof, and of the Contents of Six Miles Square was presented for Allowance. Read and Accepted and *voted*, That the Land protracted and described in the within Plan be and hereby is confirmed to the Officers and Soldiers belonging to this Province who were in the Service of their Country in the late *Narraganset* War, and to their Heirs and Assigns or lawful Representatives, provided it exceeds not the Quantity of Land within mentioned, nor interferes with any other or former Grant of this Court, provided also they comply with the Conditions mentioned in the said Vote of *June 7th*, for setling the said Town.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Grant to William Davis, Isaac Johnson, and others.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 28, 1659.]

The Court also Judgeth It meete to Graunt to Cap^{t} w^{m} Davis Cap^{t} Eliazer Lusher Cap^{t} ffrauncis Norton & Cap^{t} Isaac Johnson two hundred and fiffty acres apeece on the same termes as was Graunted to Cap^{t} Savage Oliver &c

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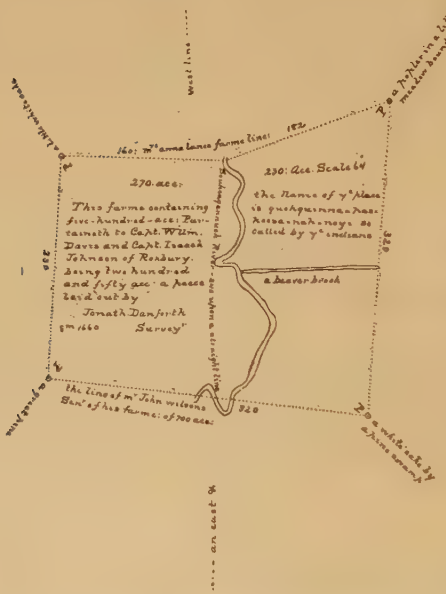
[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 16, 1660.]

Laid out to Cap^{t} w^{m} Davis of Boston and to Cap^{t} Isack Johnson of Roxbury to each of them two hundred & fifty acres of land more or lesse w^{ch} lyeth together in one platt in the wildernesse on the west of merremak River and about six miles by estimation from merremake at a place Called by the Indians quohquinnapass-kessanahnoy upon and on both sides sowheaganock River lying two hundred & forty pole in length upon a streight line downe the River and extends about halfe a mile on each side the River

being butteld and bounded on the west w^th^ land lately laid out for m^rs^ Anna Lane and on the east w^th^ a farme laid out for m^r^ John Wilson sen^r^ the wilderness elswhere surrounding according unto the bound marked trees, w^ch^ are sufficiently marked w^th^ P all which doth more fully appeare by a platt taken of this same by Jonathan Danforth surveior.

The Court doth allow & Approve of this Returne.

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 11.]


west line
160: m^rs^ anna lanes farme line: 182
270. acc:
This farme containing five-hundred-acc: Pertaineth to Capt. Willm. Davis and Capt. Isaack Johnson of Roxbury. being two hundred and fifty acc: a peece laid out by Jonath Danforth 5^m^ 1660 Survey^r^
230: Acc. Scale 64
the Name of y^e^ place is quaquannaahassanahnoyo as called by y^e^ indians
a Beaver brook
The line of m^r^ John wilsons Sen^r^ of his farme: of 160 acc:
320
No.

[Grant to Anna Lane.]

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 16, 1660.]

Laide out to M^rs^ Anna Lane five hundred acres of land more or lesse in the wildernesse on the west of merremacke River and about seven miles by estimation from merremake at a place Called by the Indians Quoquina-passkessanahnoy which is upon sowheaganocke River lying two hundred & eighty pole in length upon

the River about two hundred acres lyeth on the north side and three hundred acres on the south side being bounded w^th^ land laid out for m^r^ Davis and Capt Isacke Johnson on the east wilderness land elswhere surrounding the same as by a plott taken of the same is more fully demonstrated by Jonathan Danforth surveyor. The Court doth Approove allow & Confirme this Returne.

[Grant to John Wilson.]

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 12, 1659.]

whereas m^r^ John wilson sen^r^ hath mett w^th^ severall Disapointments about laying out his thousand acres of land Graunted him by this Court above twenty yeares since It is ordered that m^r^ Danforth be desired & hereby Impowred by himself or his order to lay out the said thousand acres in one or two places where It shall be found.

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 16, 1660, and Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 12.]

Laid out to m^r^ John Wilson sen^r^ of Boston one thousand acres of land more or lesse in the wilderness on the west of merremacke River; one part or parcell of the same Conteining seven hundred acres more or lesse lieth upon Sowheaganock River at a place Called by the Indians quohquima-paskessa-nahnoy w^ch^ is about five miles by estimation from merremacke River lying three hundred sixty fower pole in length upon sowheaganuck river fower hundred acres more or lesse on the North side of the River and three hundred acres more or lesse on the South side being Butteld and bounded on the west w^th^ land lately laid out for Capt w^m^ Davis & Capt Isack Johnson of Roxbury the wilderness elswhere surrounding according to Bounded trees marked w^th^ L Also one part or parcell more Conteining three hundred acres more or lesse lieth about one mile & halfe by estimation southward of the former farme upon the head of penichuck brooke being bounded by a great pond on the southwest called pennichuck pond, extending downe the brooke about two hundred & eighty pole in length lying

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 12.]

almost wholly on the northwest side of the said Brooke the wilderness, elswhere surrounding according unto bounded trees w^ch^ are marked w^th^ L all which is more fully demonstrated by a platt taken of the same by Jonathan Danforth Surveior.

The Court Allowes & Approoves of the land so laid out in this Returne.

The magis^ts^ have past this w^th^ Refference to the Consent of theire brethren y^e^ deput^s^ hereto Alloing & Approoving of the Returne as above

21 october 1660 Edw. Rawson Secret

Consented to by the deputyes

William Torrey Cleric.

BEDFORD.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Narragansett No.* 5, Feb. 12, 1733–4. Afterwards called *Souhegan East*. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors, Nov. 9, 1748. Incorporated as Bedford, May 19, 1750, and named in honor of the Duke of Bedford. A portion of the town was annexed to Manchester, July 1, 1853.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers, in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 50; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 176; Index to Laws, 51; topographical description, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 286; discourse by Thomas Savage, 1841, pp. 16; centennial address by Isaac O. Barnes, 1850, pp. 45; history, pub. by Alfred Mudge, 1851, pp. 364; historical discourse, by Ira C. Tyson, 1876, pp. 31; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, pp. 265.

[Mass. House Journal, Feb. 11, 1733–4.]

Mr. *Shove* from the Committee appointed the *30th* of *June* 1732, for laying out the *Narragansett* Townships, presented a Plat of the Township Number *Five*, so called by the original Grantees lying on *Merrimack River*, of the contents of six Miles square and five hundred twenty one acres for poor Land, allowed and to satisfy a Grant made to *Benjamin Smith*. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and that the Lands set forth and described in the within Plat of the *Narragansett* Township Number *Five* (exclusive of *Benjamin Smith's* Grant) be and hereby are confirmed unto one hundred and twenty of the original Grantees their heirs and assigns, *viz.* that Society of them of which Col. *Thomas Tilestone* and others were appointed a Committee for

regulating the said Township Number *Five*, so called at a general Meeting of the Grantees in *Boston* the sixth of *June* last as by their Votes and Orders may appear, provided the Plat contains no more than the quantity of Land within mentioned, and that it does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 12, 1733–4.]

A Plat of a Township for the Narraganset Soldiers being a Tract of Land lying on Merrimack & Sohegan Rivers, of the Quantity of six miles square with five hundred Acres allowed for poor Land & Benjamin Smiths Farm Being bounded as follows; viz. Beginning at a Pitch Pine Tree on the North Side of Sohegan River five miles from Merrimack, as said Sohegan River runs; & running North six miles to the Township formerly laid out to the Narraganset Soldiers to a Heap of Stones; then running West on said Township one mile & eighty two rods to a Beach Marked; then running North one mile & two hundred & sixty rods on Province Lands to a White Pine Tree, which is the South West Corner of the second Township for the Narraganset Soldiers on Merrimack; then running on said second Township East, six miles & one hundred & ten rods to Merrimack River, nine miles above the Mouth of Sohegan River as Merrimack runs, & so running up Merrimack River to Sohegan River, & from thence along Sohegan River to y^e^ Bounds first mentioned.

In the House of Represent^ves^ Read & *Ordered* that the Plat be accepted, & that the Lands set forth & described in the within Plat of the Narraganset Township Number Five (Exclusive of Benjamin Smiths Grant) be & hereby are confirmed unto one hundred & twenty of the Original Grantees, their Heirs & Assigns; viz, that Society of them of which Coll. Thomas Tilestone & others were appointed a Committee for regulating said Township Number Five, so called, at a general Meeting of the Grantees in Boston the sixth of June last, as by their Votes & Orders may appear, Provided the Plat contains no more than the Quantity of Land within mentioned & that it does not interfere with any former Grant.

In Council; Read & Concur'd;—

Consented to, J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 4, 1736.]

In Council whereas the proprietors or present possessors of the Narragansett Township, Called Number five, have voted & Agreed that the Several lotts, being One hundred and twenty in the whole, besides publick Lots, shall pay Sixty of them, each five pounds and the other Sixty Lots be Settled with a Family & built upon and brought to as Directed in the Grant from the General Court, the Lots being all Numbred and those which are to pay five pounds to be Distinguished from those which are to be Settled in the following manner, viz^{t} Lot Number One to pay Five pounds Number two to Settle Number three to pay five pounds Number four to Settle And so Alternatly in the same order to pay five pounds or to Settle thrô the whole Number of Lots being One hundred and twenty besides Publick Lots And whereas Sundry Charges have Already Arisen and must Necessarily further Arise, to procure which Sums, as well as to Oblige the Settlers to Comply and the five pound lots to pay their Several Sums the Authority of this Court is thought Necessary wherefore It is Resolved and *Ordered* ,That the proprietors of the said Lots whether Setlers or those who are ordered to pay five pounds each do Settle and pay Respectivly According to the said Vote ; the five pounds to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer Already Appointed by the Proprietors for that purpose, and by him to be paid to the Settlers each five pounds ; And in Case the Settlers fail in Settling According to the Courts Grant and Votes of the proprietors then the proprietors at a meeting Regularly Assembled shall and may dispose of said Right or Rights to any other or others that will Settle, And whereas Sundry proprietors Neglect to draw their Lots and pay their proportion of Charges the Committee of said proprietors shall have power to sell their Lands for defreying the Charge Arisen or that may Arise Attending the Methods in the Disposition of the Lands to be Observed in Gathering Rates & Taxes Levied by Order of this Court on Unimproved Lands.—

In the House of Represent^{a} Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[*Grantees of Bedford, 1757.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 115, p. 844.]

In Obedience to and Order inserted in Publick Print That the several Clerks of the respective Townships be and they are hereby directed to deposit attested Copies, under Oath, of all the Original Grants that have been Made Within these thirty years past, together With a List of the Names of the Grantees, & who have fulfilled the Conditions of their Grants into the secretarys Office by the Last day of March upon pain of the Displeasure of the Court &c.

This May therefore Certifie that the Lowest Narraganset Township on Merrimack River No. 5 bounded East on Merrimack River, South on sowbeeg (or sowhegan) River, West partly on salem Narraganset, or otherwise Called sowhegan West, partly on that which some have Called New Boston, bounded North on that which some have Called shovestown. Granted by the General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay to 120 men. Whereof 60 Were to settle in such time as was then set. the said town hath been all Laid Out in 3 divisions beside meadow Each division Except the first hath 123 Rights Laid Out, Viz. One for Each proprietor, One for the first Minister, One for the Ministry, & One for the school, the Meadow Lotts are all Laid Out & Numbred, Each meadow Lott Coupled With some One of the third division Except such Lotts in the third division, as have meadow in them. the Lotts througout the town are all drawn, & most of them on Record. There is twenty Acres Laid out to build a Meeting house on, there is 120 acres Granted by the proprietors to Deacon Jonathan Williams Our proprietors Treasurer And 120 Acres to Captain Joseph Blanchard, he to Erect a Good sawmill & a Good Corn-mill, there is also suitable provision Made for ways, I am informed there is about 60 families setled in the town: but no minister setled, nor Meeting house built, the Late War hath been some discouragement. since the Town hath been Reckoned in New-hampshire Government, it is divided not far from the Middle, & some addition Made to the south end, & Erected into a township And some addition to the North end, & that also made a township.

There are 17 Gentlemen belonging to New-hampshire Which some Call Lord proprietors, Which pretend the Land is theirs, yet have Confirmed the Rights of the original proprietors, as the

Lots have been already Laid out & surveyed. Excepting and reserving only 17 Rights or shares as According to said Laying out, the particular Rights or shares to be determined & ascertained hereafter.

here is a true Coppy of their Vote transcribed

PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^{r} in the Province of New Hampshire held at Portsmouth in said Province by Adjournment on the Ninth day of November anno Domini 1748

Voted That the Rights of the Original Proprietors of souhegan East, Otherwise Called Narraganset No. 5 on Merrimack River, be and are hereby Confirmed to them according as the said Lots have been already surveyed and Laid Out, excepting and reserving only seventeen shares or Rights as according to said Laying Out; the Particular Rights or shares so Excepted and Reserved to be determined and ascertained hereafter: but that the Particular Rights and shares of Major Edward White and the Reverend Doctor Ebenezer Miller be not among the excepted and Reserved rights as aforesaid, but that their said Rights & shares among said Proprietors surveyed as aforesaid, be hereby Granted and Confirmed to them their Heirs and Assigns.

Copy of Record

attest Geo: Jeffrey jun^{r} Propr^{rs} Clerk

At a Proprietors Meeting of the Narraganset Town No 5 at the house of M^{r} Samuel Knealand in Boston, & met accordingly on y^{e} 30th Day of October 1734 at ten a Clock in the forenoon and Chose the Hono^{ble} Samuel Thaxter Esq^{r} Moderator of said meeting—

Then they Proceeded to Draw the setlers Lotts as they were Marked, the Even numbers were setlers and the Odd were non settlers.

on pescataquog

No 1 Governour Belcher Esq. 2 James Davenport

on Merrimack

No 1 Jacob Griggs
2 John Plimton
3 Habijah savage
4 Thomas simpkins
5 Samuel Hollis
6 James yates
7 Israel Hubbard
8 Addington Davenport Esq^{r}

9 Richard Bill
10 John Dorrill
11 John Richards
12 Thomas Daws
13 William Dinsdell
14 Richard Foster
15 Jabez Hunt
16 Thomas Bernard
17 Thomas Holbrook
18 Benjamin Dyer
19 William Clark Esq[r]
20 Joseph Thorn
21 Samuel Gill
22 Paul Dudley Esq[r]
23 Edmond Weld
24 David Evans
25 Thomas Beatle
26 George Talbott
27 John Baker
28 John Barns
29 Shadrach Thayer
30 Ebenezer Williams
31 John Wilson
32 Henry Timberlake
33 James Townsend
34 Sarah Perkins
35 Alford Butler
36 John Morey
37 Isaac Hatch
38 John Langley
39 Joseph Prince
40 Samuel Gile
41 Silence Allen
42 Benjamin Williams
43 William Davenport
44 Edward White
45 Robert Vose
46 Joseph Savel
47 Ebenezer Williams
48 Nathanael Goodwine
49 Samuel Miller
50 John Arnoll
51 John Payson
52 Samuel Pollard
53 Samuel Wadsworth
54 Owen Harris
55 Henry Wilson
56 Thomas Viccos
57 Joseph Briggs
58 Samuel Lyon
59 Jonathan Gay
60 Moses Ayers
61 Thomas Jefferies
62 Gamaliel Roggers
63 Gideon Terril
64 Ebenezer Jones
65 samuel Gurnet
66 Cap[t] Ebenezer Dorr
67 Joseph Benson
68 Henry Leadbetter
69 Jonathan Proutt
70 Rebeccah Abbott
71 Thomas Tilestone
72 Benjamin smith
73 Madam Levingston
74 Benjamin Turner
75 samuel Fisk
76 John Lane for Ephraim
77 samuel Bass
78 William Oglebe
79 Caleb stedman
80 Zechariah smith
81 Benjamin swain
82 John Lane
83 John Mears
84 William Dean
85 John Tuckerman
86 Thomas Waymouth
87 John Rice
88 Andrew Oliver
89 Jonathan Williams
90 John Triscott
91 Edward Tyng
92 Israel Vicary

93 Ephraim More
94 Joseph Gardner
95 Benjamin Bates
96 Zechariah Chandler
97 John Ruggles
98 Benjamin Langdon

home lots on Babbosick

1 John Burrill
2 samuel Belcher
No 3 David Jacobs
4 samuel Linkhorn
5 Ebenezer Hartshorn
6 John Leach
7 sarah Warren
8 samuel Williams
9 John Gridley
10 John Nelson
11 Benjamin Bicknall
12 John Chamberlin
13 samuel Thaxter
14 John Gridley
15 Rebeccah Hannors
16 William Hasey
17 John Cutler
18 Thomas Baker
19 James Pitts
20 Ephraim Colburn

I am inclined to believe there Was One Lot Laid out for the Minister, & One for the school, in the first Division, between the fifty seventh, & fifty Lots on Merrimack River but they are not Numbred & Recorded, as i Can find, so that i fear they Will be Lost. The first Minister, the Ministry, & school Lots, in the second & Third Division are as followeth

	second Division		Third Division		
Minister Lots No.	16th, 19	9thRange	upland meadow	no. 58, 87	Ministry
Ministry Lots No.	10th, 11	9 Range	upland meadow	59, 90	School
school Lots No.	21st, 22	9thRange	upland meadow	60, 89	First Minister

I have No Account who are setled in the Town: but by Word of Mouth, according to that account, their names follow

John Moor
John Goff Esqr
Thomas Chandler
mr Woods
samuel Vose now setling
Eleazer Lyon
widow Farmer
Robert Gilmore
Paterson
Macdugal
Bushnal
Robert Gilmore
Thomas Farmer
Thomas Meglotherin
David smith
James Walker
Lieut Moses Barron
Thomas Vicçary
John Robie
Andrew Walker

Widow smith, once Capt. lovels widow		Capt. John Chamberlin
William Henry	James Canady	John Moreland
John Tom	James Moor	Wallice
James Mathas	John Burns	James Moor the Miller
Thomas Barus	Thomas Viccary jun.	samuel Miller
William Awls	William Arbuckle	Robert Mecormick
Robert Read	David Tompson	Garret Rowen
William Corwell	Benjamin smith	John Maquig
Deacon Orr	Widow Maquade	William Moor
Richard Macalister	Goyn Riddle	Hugh Riddle
Robert Walker	Jonathan Lyon	James Little
John Little	Forgos Canady	John Bell
John Maglotherin	Noah Thare	Lin
Matthew Patten	samuel Patten	James Macknite
	Patrick Taggard	

I am informed there are four sawmills in the Town and two Corn Mills. I Cannot inform Who have Performed the setling Conditions, any Otherwise than I have Done. Humbly offered
Milton march 25 1751 samuel Wadsworth Proprietors Clerk

Suffolk ss. Boston 26th March 1751
Mr Samel Wadsworth appeared, & made solemn Oath that the foregoing Return is to the best of his knowledge just & true
Before me Thos Hubbard J. Pacs

[*Petition of Joseph Joscelyn for Equivalent Grant, 1774.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 118, p. 763.]

Province of Massachusetts Bay } To His Excellency Thos Hutchinson Esqr Capt General & Governor in Chiefe over Said Province to the Honble his Majestys Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled January the 26th 1774—

The Petition of Joseph Josselyn of Hanover in the County of Plymouth Esqr Humbly Sheweth that there was a Grant of a Township made by the Great & General Court in June AD. 1732 To Benjamin Smith and Others for Services done in the Naraganset Indian War.—

which Township was laid out on Merimack River in the year

1733. and Commonly called No 5. Your Petitioner having Purchased of the Heirs of Benjamin Bates one of the Soldiers in that War his Right which was afterwards laid out in said Township to your Petitioner who has been at Considerable trouble and Cost from Time to Time in Bringing on the Settlement agreable to the terms of said Grant.—

But after Some Years, upon Runing the Line Between this Province and that of New Hampshire, the whole of said Township was taken into that Province, and Your Petitioner was thereby deprived & Excluded from all Property and Benefit of his said Lands. —Wherefore He Prays your Excellency and Honours to take this his Case into your Wise and Compassionate Consideration And in your Wisdom and Goodness make him Such a Grant of Some unappropriated Lands of this Province as shall appear to you Just & Reasonable or otherwise Relieve him in this Case as to you Seems meet.—

And as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray &c

Joseph Josselyn

[In answer to this petition, the General Court granted the petitioner four hundred acres of land to the eastward of Saco River, March 3, 1774.]

BOSCAWEN.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Contoocook*, Dec. 8, 1732, to John Coffin and others, of Newbury, Mass. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors, Jan. 10, 1758. Incorporated as Boscawen, April 22, 1760, and named in honor of Admiral Edward Boscawen, of the British navy. The charter was renewed Oct. 7, 1763. Webster was set off and incorporated July 4, 1860. This division was attempted in 1791, when the inhabitants of the west part of the town asked to be set off and incorporated by the name of Bristol.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 57; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 193; Index to Laws, 62; Descriptive and Historical Account of, by John Farmer, 1821, XX, Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, 71–76; Chronological Register, by Ebenezer Price, 1823, pp. 116; Proceedings of Centennial Celebration, 1876, pp. 27; History of Boscawen and Webster, by Charles Carleton Coffin, 1878, pp. 656; One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Settlement, 1883, pp. 211, pub. 1884; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 169.]

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 20, 1731.]

A Petition of *John Coffin* and others, Inhabitants of sundry Towns within this Province, praying, that they may have a Tract of Land above and adjoining to *Pennicook*, of the Contents of seven Miles square granted to them, under such Limitations as may compel them to settle the same, for which they are willing to pay, for the use of the Province, *Five Hundred Pounds* in Bills of Credit.

Read, and *Ordered*, That Mr. *Welles*, Major *Chandler*, and Major *Brattle*, be a Committee to consider thereof, and Report what may be proper to be done thereon.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 22, 1731.]

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of *John Coffin* and others, entred the 20th Instant, Reported, Read, Accepted and

Ordered, That the Prayer of the Petition be so far granted, as that the Petitioners be and hereby are impowered by a Surveyor and Chain—Men under Oath, to Survey and lay out a Township of the Contents of seven Miles square above and adjoining to the new Town at *Pennicook*, on both sides of *Merrimack* River, to extend three Miles on the *East* side, and four Miles on the *West* side of the said River, and return a plan thereof to this Court at their Session in *May* next for Confirmation; at which time the Grantees shall pay into the Province Treasury, for the use of the Province, *Five Hundred Pounds* in Bills of Credit, and that thereupon the Petitioners be impowered to chuse and appoint a Committee for laying out one Hundred Home-Lots, (which shall be drawn for by the Grantees) and such other Divisions as shall be agreed upon by the Major Part of them; the whole of the Charge to be equally paid by the said Grantees. And that, for the effectual bringing forward the Settlement of the said Township, the Grantees shall within six Years from the first Day of July next, have actually upon the Spot, Ninety Seven Families, each of which to have a Dwelling-House of eighteen Feet square, and seven Feet Stud, at least, and three Acres of Land well stock'd with English Grass, fit for Mowing and four Acres of Tillage Land brought to fit for Improvement, upon pain of forfeiting his

Interest to the Province, and the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, for which Security shall be given at the Payment of the said *Five Hundred Pounds*, to a Committee of the Court to be appointed for that Purpose; and that there be Three Home-Lots, with all after Rights, part of the said One Hundred, sequestred, *viz.* One for the first settled Minister, One for the Ministry and one for the School.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 23, 1731.]

A Petition of John Coffin & a great number of others praying for a Grant of a Tract of Land of Seven Miles square lying on each side of Merrimack River abover Penicook, for the Consideration of the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds to be paid into the province Treasury & the performance of such Conditions for y^e^ Settlem^t^ of s^d^ Land as this Court shall Order.

In the House of Represent^ves^ Read & Ordered that the prayer of the Petition be so far granted as that the Petition^rs^ be & hereby are impowered by a Surveyour & Chain men under Oath to Survey & lay out a Township of the Contents of Seven Miles square above & adjoining To the new Town at Penicook on both sides of Merrimack River to extend three miles on the East side & four Miles on the West Side of the s^d^ River & Return a Plat thereof to this Court at their Session in May next for Confirmation, At which Time the Grantees shall pay into the province Treasury for the Use of the Province Five Hundred Pounds in Bills of Credit & that thereupon the Petition^rs^ be Impowered to Chuse & Appoint a Comm^tee^ for laying out One Hundred home Lotts (which shall be drawn for by the Grantees) & such other Divisions as shall be Agreed on by y^e^ Major Part of them y^e^ whole of the Charge to be equally p^d^ by the said Grantees, & that for the Effectual bringing forward the Settlem^t^ of the s^d^ Township the Grantees shall within six Years from the first day of July next have actually upon the Spot Ninety seven Families, Each of w^ch^ to have a Dwelling House of eighteen foot square, & seven feet Stud at least & three Acres of Land well stock'd with English Grass fit for Mowing & four Acres of Tillage brought to fit for Improvement, upon pain of forfeiting his Interest to the Province & the Sum of Ten Pounds, for which Security shall be given at the Paym^t^ of the s^d^ £500, to a Comm^tee^ of this Court to be appointed for that purpose & that

there be three home Lotts with all other Rights, part of the s[d] One Hundred sequestred viz[t] One for the first Settled Minister, one for the Ministry, & one for the School.

In Council Read & Nonconcur'd.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 6, 1732.]

On the Petition of *John Coffin*, *Joseph Dole*, and sundry others, praying for a Grant of a Tract of Land of seven miles square above *Penny-Cook* on the West side of *Merrimack-River* whereon to make a Township, for the reasons mentioned. Read and in answer to this Petition, *Ordered*, That there be and hereby is granted to the Petitioners a Tract of Land of seven miles square at the place Petitioned for, *viz.* on the West side of *Merrimack River*, to be laid out by a Surveyor and Chain-men under Oath, a Plan thereof to be presented to this Court at their next *May* Session for Confirmation, the said Land by them to be settled on the Conditions following, *viz.* that they within the space of four Year from the confirmation of the Plan, settle and have on the spot eighty-one Families, each setler to build a good convenient dwelling House one story high, eighteen feet square at the least, and fence clear and bring to four acres fit for improvement, and three acres more well stock'd with english Grass, and also lay out three shares throughout the Town, each share to be one eighty fourth part of the said Tract of Land, one of said shares to be for the first settled Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for the school; and also to build a convenient Meeting House, and settle a learned and orthodox Minister within the term aforesaid.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 8, 1732.]

A Petition of John Coffin of Newbury & eighty others praying the Grant of a Tract of Land of Seven miles square lying on the West Side of Merrimack River adjoining to Penicook, to Settle themselves or their Children upon on such Conditions as this Court shall judge fit. —

In the House of Represent[ves] Read & in Answer to this Petition

Ordered that there be & hereby is granted to the Petitio^{rs} a Tract of Land of Seven miles square at the place Petition'd for on the West side of Merrimack River to be laid out by a Survey^{r} & Chainmen on Oath, A plan thereof to be presented to this Court at their next May Session for Confirmation the Lands to be by them settled on the Conditions following viz. That within the space of four Years from the Confirmation of the Plan, they settle & have on the Spot eighty one Families, Each Settler to build a good convenient Dwelling House one Story high, eighteen feet square at the least, & fence, clear & bring to four Acres fit for Improvem^{t} & three Acres more well stock'd with English Grass, & also lay out three Shares thro' out the Town Each Share to be one Eighty fourth part of the s^{d} Tract of Land, One of s^{d} Shares to be for the first Settled Minister, One for the Ministry & One for the School, & also to build a Convenient Meeting House & Settle a learn'd orthodox Minister within the Term aforesaid—

In Council Read & Concur'd

[Mass. Court Records, April 25, 1733.]

In the House of Represent^{ves} Voted that M^{r} John Coffin be & hereby is fully authorized & impowered to Assemble & Convence the Propriet^{rs} or Grantees of a Plantation lately made by this Court of a Tract of Land of Seven Miles square above Penicook on the West side of Merrimack River at such Time & Place as he shall appoint to Choose a Moderator & Clerk & to make such Orders & Rules as may be proper & needful to bring forward the Settlem^{t} of the s^{d} Plantation according to the Conditions of the Grant.

In Council Read & Concur'd :—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, April 25, 1733.]

Voted, That Mr. *John Coffin* be and hereby is fully authorized and impowred to assemble and convene the Proprietors or Grantees of the Plantation lately made by this Court of a Tract of Land of seven Miles square above *Penny-cook* on the West side of *Merrimack* River, at such time and place as he shall appoint, to chuse

a Moderator and Clerk, and to make such orders and rules as may be proper and needful to bring forward the Settlement of the said Plantation according to the Conditions of the Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, June 6, 1733.]

A Plat containing the contents of seven Miles square of Land above *Penny-cooke* on the west side of *Merrimack River* laid out by order of this Court, pass'd last *December* surveyed by Mr. *Richard Hazzen*, jun. Surveyor and two Chain-men on Oath, in answer to a Petition of *John Coffin*, *Joseph Dole*, and others praying for a Township as entred the sixth of *December* last, was presented for allowance.

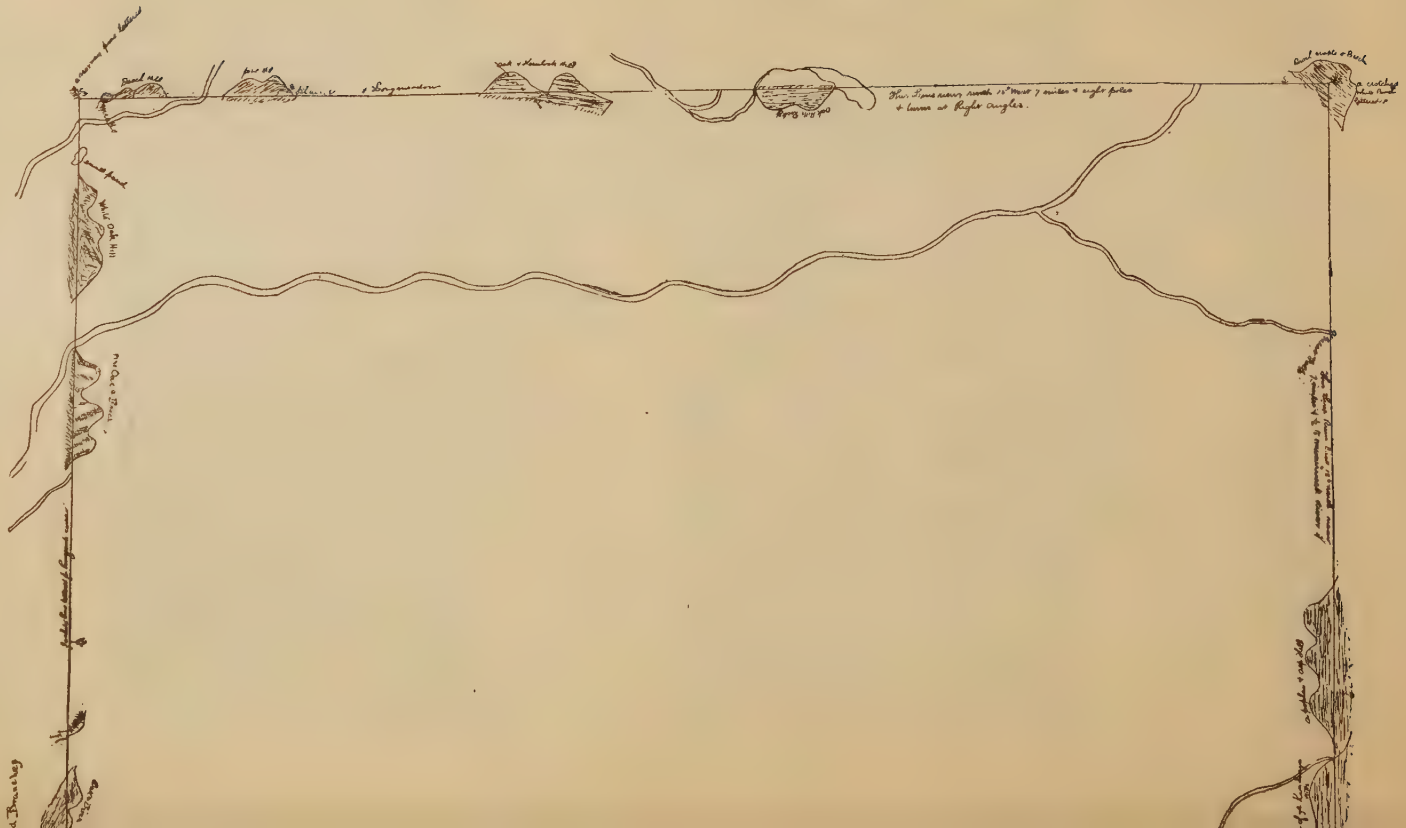
Read and *Voted*, That this Plat be accepted, and that the Lands within delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed unto the within named *John Coffin*, *Joseph Dole*, and the other Petitioners their Heirs and Assigns for ever; they complying with the orders and conditions in the Grant on their Petition, pass'd in *December* last provided it does not contain more than the Contents of seven Miles square, nor interfere with any other or former Grant.

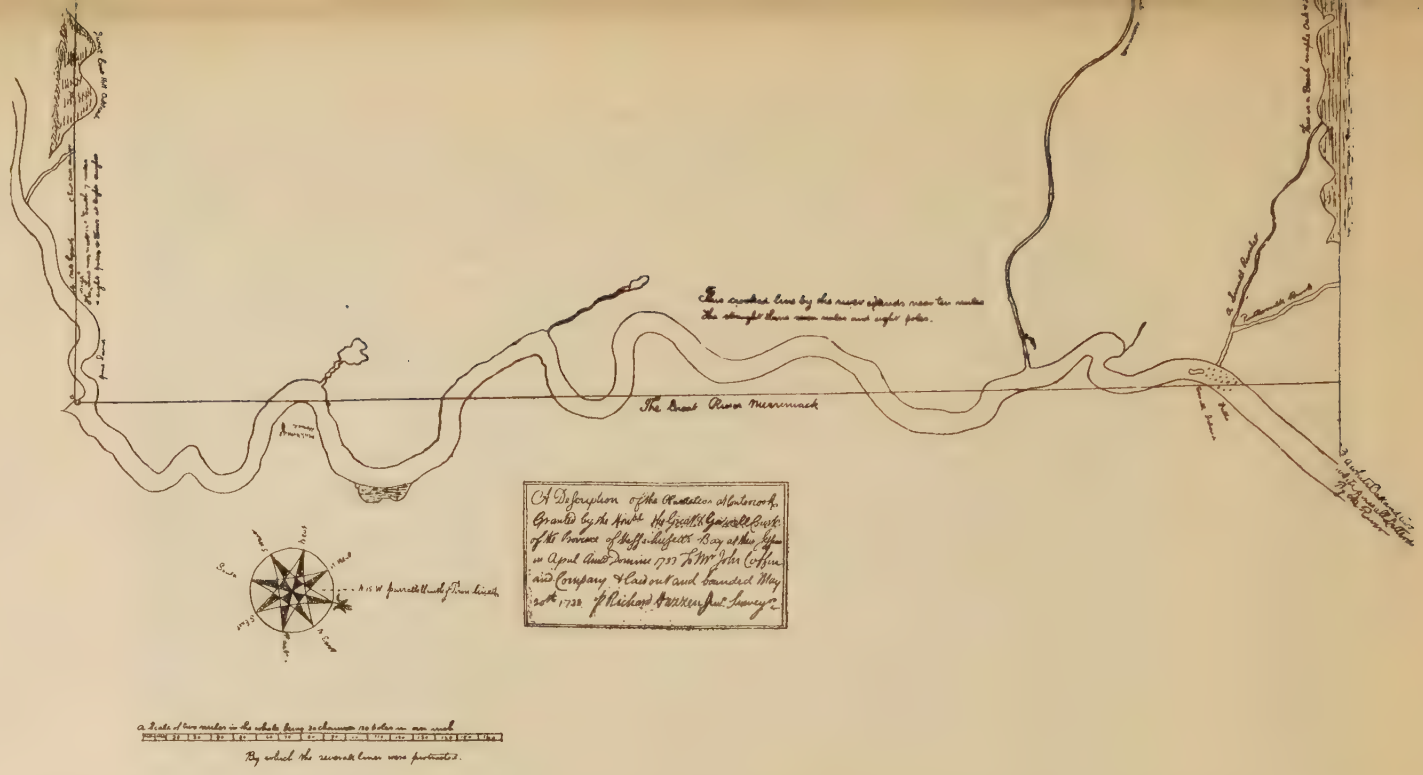
Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 6, 1733.]

A plat of a Township granted at the last Court to John Coffin & others lying on Merrimack River above Penicook, survey'd by Richard Hazzen jun^{r} & two Chain Men on Oath, being Bounded as follows; Viz. Beginning at the Middle of Contoocook River where it empties itself into Merrimack, where it Joins on Penicook Plantation, Thence running West, 15°.00, South adjoining on Penicook Line four Miles to a white Pine Tree, mark'd for Penicook Corner Bounds, thence further on the same Line three miles & Eight Poles to a Norway Pine mark'd for the Corner Bounds, Thence turned at right Angles & runs North, 15°.00, West Seven Miles & eight Poles to a crotched white Birch Lettered, Standing on the South East Side of a Hill which is the Northwest Corner, Thence turned & right Angles, & runs East,

[Maps, Maps and Plans, Vol. 8, p. 8.]




The Great River Merrimack
A Description of the Plantation of Contoocook, Granted by the Honble His Excellency the Governour & the Great & General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay at their Session in April Anno Domini 1733 To Mr John Coffin and Company & Laid out and bounded May 30th 1733 by Richard Hazzen Junr Surveyr

Essex ss: at the mouth of Contoocook river in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay May 14th 1733—Then and there Mr. Richard Hazzen Junr as Surveyor, James Osgood & Ebenezer Virgin as Chainmen made oath faithfully to execute the office & duty of their trust in laying out the Plantation at Contoocook of the Contents of seven miles square agreeable to the grant of the Great & Generall Court—

Before me Joseph Gerrish—
Justice of the Peace—

Lieut. Gov.r Phipps at Chatteroos of the Counties of Sea Side & Upper Side to the Head of the Grand C

15°-00″, North, near Seven Miles & an half to a white Oak & two White Pines mark'd by Merrimack River & by s^d River as it runs, to Contoocook River to y^e place, where it first began.

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 8, p. 8.]

Mr. John Coffin and others Proprietors of the Plantation of Contoocook, Granted by the Great & Generall Court of their Session in the Month of April anno Domini 1733—Requesting me the subscriber to Survey the same agreeable to the Courts order—I did in Obedience thereto attend the Service and on the 14th. of May last I repaired to the said Plantation, Run the lines thereof and bounded out the same as followeth: viz:—Beginning at the middle of the mouth of the Contoocook River where it empties itself into Merrimack where it Joyns on Pennycook plantation thence running west 15° South and joyning on Pennycook Line four miles to a white pine tree marked for Pennycook Corner bounds, thence farther on the same line three miles & Eight poles to a Norway pine marked for y^e corner bounds—thence turned at Right angles & ran north 15° West seven miles & 8 poles to a crotched white birch lettered standing on the southeast side of an Hill which is in Northwest corner—thence turned at right angles & ran east 15° north near seven miles and an half to a white oak & two white pines marked by Merrimack river and by said river as it runs to the mouth of Contoocook river where we first begun:—the lines are well marked so as easily found. Laid out and finished May 28^th 1733 ℔ Richard Hazzen, Jun^r, Survey^r.

Memorandum: The Township is contained within the three prick^t lines & the River Merrimack—the eight poles on two sides allowed for Sagg of chain & no more—N. B: The variation Betwixt my compass & that by which Pennycook was laid is two degrees, though the lines agree well: & the quallity of the land described by the letters of the alphabet on the extreem Lines—thus from "a" at the mouth of Contoocook River to "b" is broken pitch pine Land—thence to "c" is good oak land—thence to "d" is oak & pine mixt—thence to "e"—is oak, beech & hemlock, from "e" to "f" is a low mossey swamp of white pine thence to "g" at the corner is oak pine and Beech Land—from "g" to "h" is Beech, Birch & white pine from "h" to "i" is a pine hill and plaine at the end of which plaine is a long meadow,

from thence to "k" is oak maple, beech & hemlock, thence to the Corner is beech, Birch, maple & white pine land mixt, rocky & broken land, thence toward Merrimack to the letter "m," tis broken rocky land, thence to the east and of Kiasarja tis good Land—the timber & wood growing thereon being Oak, Hemlock, Beech maple, white ash & poplar—thence to River is oak, white pine & Hemlock Hilly-Land—By Merrimack river tis partly pitch pine broken land & partly Intervall—where the line intersects the rivers tis put down exactly, in other places by guess, The Hills are stored with Deer & Moose & the land in generall very good & suitable for a Township according to the best observation of

Richard Hazzen—Ju^{r} Survey^{r}

N. B. The whole allowance more then y^{e} exact measure is about 200 acres.

In the House of Representatives, June 6th, 1733—

Read & voted that the Plat be accepted and that the lands within delineated & described be and hereby are confined unto the within named John Coffin, Joseph Dole & others petitioners their heirs and assigns forever they complying with the orders and conditions in the Grant on their petition passed in Dec. last provided the Plat does not contain more than the contents of Seven miles square and does not interfere with any other or former grant—

Sent up for Concurrence— J. Quincy—Sp^{kr}

In Council June 6, 1733—
Read & Concurd— J. Willard—Sec'ry.

June 6, 1733—Consented to J Belcher—

BRADFORD.

[This town was probably *Number* 2 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735–6. Afterwards granted by the Masonian Proprietors. It was named *New Bradford* by settlers from Bradford, Mass. Incorporated as Bradford, Sept. 27, 1787, and included New Bradford, Washington Gore, and a part of Washington. A tract of land was severed from Newbury and annexed to Bradford, Dec. 6, 1796, and another, June 22, 1859.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 219; Index to Laws, 65; history, by John M. Hawks, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 185; Proceedings of Centennial Celebration, 1887, pp. 110.]

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 8, 1738.]

A petition of Mr. *John Hutchins* and *Thomas Kimball*, Esq; a Committee in behalf of the Proprietors of the Township called Number *Two* in the Line of Towns from *Rumford* to the Great Falls on *Connecticut River*, shewing that the Lands in said Township are so rocky and mountainous on a View thereof that renders the settlement impracticable; praying they may be allowed to take up a Tract of Land in lieu of the aforesaid Township, lying West of a *Canada* Township and North of the Line of Towns, to be laid out in such Form and under such Regulations as to the Wisdom of the Court shall seem meet. Read and referred to the next sitting of the Court for further Consideration.

CANTERBURY.

[Granted May 20, 1727, to Richard Waldron and others, and then included the territory of Loudon and Northfield. Full town privileges were granted March 19, 1741. Named for an English town. An addition was made on the southwest side, June 13, 1765. Loudon was set off and incorporated Jan. 23, 1773. Northfield was set off and incorporated June 19, 1780. A small tract was severed from Canterbury and annexed to Concord, June 2, 1784, and another to Loudon, Jan. 7, 1852.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 86; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 261; Index to Laws, 81; Sketches of the History of, by William Patrick, 4, Collections of the N. H. Historical Society, 174-193; Historical Sermon delivered Oct. 27, 1833, by William Patrick, 1834, pp. 39; sketch of, by J. N. McClintock, 4, Granite Monthly, p. 387; Births, Marriages, and Deaths in Granite Monthly, 4, pp, 391, 431, 507, and 5, pp. 163, 195; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 221; Concise History of the United Society of Believers Called Shakers, by Charles Edson Robinson, 1893, pp. 134.]

[Grant to Joseph Gerrish.]

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 5, 1735–6.]

A petition of *Joseph Gerrish* of *Newbury*, Esq; praying for a Grant of Lands on the East side *Merrimack River* above *Pennycook* (now *Rumford*) adjoining to Col. *Kent's* Farm, whereon he would actually settle by himself personally by ploughing fitting for

mowing and fencing &c. for the reasons mentioned. Read, and in answer to this Petition, *Voted*, That the Petitioner have leave by a Surveyor & Chainmen on Oath to survey and lay out two hundred & fifty acres of the unappropriated Lands of the Province on the East side of *Merrimack River*, and adjoining to Col. *Richard Kent's* Farm, and return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation to the Petitioner his heirs and assigns, provided the Petitioner by himself personally within three years from the confirmation of the Grant brings to and well subdues thirty acres of the granted premisses by ploughing or fitting the same for mowing, and well incloses it by fencing, and builds and compleatly finishes a good dwelling House of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at least on the premisses.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Grant to Richard Kent.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 6, 1735.]

A Plat of three hundred acres of Land laid out by Mr. *Richard Hazzen*, Surveyor, and two Chain-men on Oath to satisfy the Grant of this Court of the sixth of *December* last to *Richard Kent*, Esq; adjoining to the Town of *Rumford*, and lying on the East side of *Merrimack* River, was presented for allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said *Richard Kent*, Esq; his heirs and assigns for ever, provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of three hundred acres of Land, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 6, 1735.]

A Plat of three hundred acres of Land Granted by the General Court to Richard Kent Esq^{r}, Surveyed by Richard Hazzen Surveyor & Chainmen on Oath; lying Adjacent to the Town of Rumford; begining at a Stake & Stones by Rumford line thence Runing West 17 deg. South on said line about two hundred and twenty five poles, to a white Ash Mark'd K, by Merrimack River thence Runing up said River about two hundred and Ninety two poles to a horn bean Marked R K thence East ten deg. North

about two hundred & twenty five poles to a Pitch pine Mark'd R K, thence about two hundred & Eight poles to the bounds first mentioned—

In the House of Represent[a] Read & *ordered* that the Plat be Accepted and the Lands herein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said Richard Kent Esq[r] his heirs and Assignes forever; Provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of three hundred Acres of land, and does not Interfere with any former Grant—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

CONCORD.

[This territory, known as *Penacook*, was granted by Massachusetts, May 18, 1659, to Richard Waldron and others. Again granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 17, 1725–6, to Ebenezer Eastman and others. Incorporated by Massachusetts as *Rumford*, Feb. 27, 1733–4. Incorporated by New Hampshire as Concord, June 7, 1765. The grant of Bow by New Hampshire, May 20, 1727, conflicted with this grant, and the dispute was decided by the king in favor of *Rumford*, Dec. 27, 1762. A gore of land was severed from Canterbury and Loudon and annexed to Concord, Jan 2, 1784. Portions of Bow were annexed Dec. 13, 1804, and July 10, 1856. The State House was built in 1816, and remodeled in 1865. It was first occupied by the legislature in June, 1819. A city charter was granted July 6, 1849, but was not adopted until March 10, 1853.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 128; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 340; Index to Laws, 116; Historical Sketch, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 153–218; History of, from first grant in 1725 to organization of city government in 1853, by Nathaniel Bouton, 1856, pp. 786; sketch of, by J. N. McClintock, 8, Granite Monthly, p. 263; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 57.]

[*Petition for Grant of Land at Penacook, 1659.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 117.]

To the Honred Generall Courte Now assembled at Boston &c:

The humble petetyon of us whose names are under written beinge inhabytants in this Jurisdiction, & beinge senceable of y[e] need of multeplyinge of towneshippes for y[e] inlargement of y[e] contrey And accommodateinge of such as want opportunity to improve themselves, have taken into our consideration a place w[t] is called pennecooke, w[c] by reporte is a place fit for such an end, Now y[e]

humble request of yo^{r} petetioners to this honred Courte is y^{t} wee may have y^{e} grant of a trackte of land their to y^{e} quantyty of twelfe miles square, w^{ch} beinge granted we shall give up our selves to be at y^{e} cost and charge of vewinge of it, & consider fully aboute it wheather to proseed on ffor y^{e} settlinge of a towne or noe and for y^{t} end shall crave the liberty of three yeares to give in our resolution And in case y^{t} wee doe proseed then our humble request is y^{t} we may have y^{e} grant of our freedome from publique charge for y^{e} space of seaven yeares after y^{e} time of our resolution given in to this Hon^{r}ed Courte, for our incorragement to settle a plantation soe furre remote; as Knowinge y^{t} many will be our inconvenyences (for a longe time) w^{ch} we must expeckt to meet wthall, w^{ch} desires of ours beinge ansered yo^{r} petetioners shall ever pray for that happynes of this Hon^{r}ed Courte rest yo^{r} Humble petetioners

Richard Walderne	Val: Hill:	Peter Coffin
John his + marke Hird	William ffurbur	Roger Plaisteed
Edward woodman	John Pike	Abraham Toppan
Benie Swett	Jorge littell	John bayly
John Cheiney	Nathaniell: weare	Robard coker
John Poore	Robertt Rogers	Edward Richison
william Cotton	John wolcot	John Bond
	willim Titcomb	

18:(3) 59: The Committee do Judge meet that y^{e} peticc'on^{rs} be granted a plantaccon of Eight mile Square, upon condiccon, that at the Sessions of the Gen^{r}all Court to be held in octo. 1660, they make report to that Court of their resolution to ꝑsecute y^{e} same, with a competent n^{o} of meet persons that Will ingage to carry on the work of the Said place, in all Civill & Eclesiasticall respects, and that within two yeares then next ensueing, there be 20 families there setled.—Also that they may have Immunity from all publique charges (excepting in cases Extreordinary) for seven yeares next ensuing the date hereof.

Tho: Danforth
Edward Johnson
Eleazer Lusher

The Deputies approve of the returne of the Committee in answer to this pet. with reference to the Consent of o^{r} honord magis^{ts} hereto

William Torrey Cleric.

[*Land at Penacook Reserved for a Plantation, 1662.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 147.]

16 : 3d Mo 1662 :

Upon Informac'on that Pennie Cooke is An Apt place for A Townshipp ; And in Considerac'on of the lords great blessing upon the Countrie in multiplying the inhabitants & plantac'ons here ; And that Allmost All such places are Allreadie taken up—It is Ordered by this Court that the lands at Pennie Cook be reserved for A plantac'on till So many of such as have petic'oned for lands there or of others shall present to setle A plantac'on there. the Deputyes have past this desireing the Consent of or Honord magists hereto

William Torrey Cleric.

[*Petition of Malden, Mass., for Land at Penacook, 1662.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 147.]

To the honoured Court now Assembled at Boston the 7th of the 4th Mo 1662 : the Petic'on of the inhabitants of Malden humbly Shewing.

That the Bounds of our Town are Exceeding streight ; the most of our Improved Lands & Meadow being limited About two Miles in length and one in Breadth ; And that Allso the most part of it by purchase from Charlsto wherof wee were A small Branch ; from whom Allso wee had all the Commons wee have ; which is verie small & Rockie.

That hitherto, wee have had no Inlargement from the Countrie ; nor can wee have Any neere Adjoyning, being Surrounded by sundry Townshipps.

That our Charges to the Countrie & Ministry ; much Exceedeth sundry others, who have many times our Accommodac'ons And as many here doe know.

Our Teacher Allso hath been long visited with verie great weaknesses ; from which it is much feared he will not be recovered.

For theis and other weightie Considerac'ons. Our most humble Petic'on to this much honoured Court is ; That A Tract of lands

of About fowre Miles Square at A place Called Pennycooke may be Granted As An Addic'on to us, for our better Support And Incouragement; in the Service of Christ & the Countrie; to be Layd out by m^r^ Jonathan Danforth or some other Artist And Cap^t^ Ed: Jonson or John Parker.

So with our heartie prayers to God for your utmost peace & prosperitie, wee Crave leave to Subscribe ourselves y^r^ verie humble Servants.

Joseph Hills:	Will: Brackenbury	John Wayte
John Sprague	Abra^m^ Hill	Tho: Call
Job Lane	Peter Tuffs	Robert Bardin

In the name of the rest

The Deputyes thinke not meete to grant this pet

William Torrey Cleric.

[Mass. House Journal, June 6, 1721.]

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants in the County of *Essex*, Praying for a Tract of Land on *Merrimack-River*, Eight Miles square, extending from *Suncook* to *Cuntacook* River on both sides of *Merrimack-River*. Read.

[Mass. House Journal, June 9, 1721.]

A Petition of 120 Inhabitants, in the County of *Essex*, praying for a parcel of Land lying on *Merrimack River*, between *Cuntacook* and *Suncook*, to be Granted to them for a Township. Read and

Ordered, That Capt. *John Shepley*, Col. *Joseph Buckminster*, and Mr. *Joseph Winslow*, be a Committee to take an exact Survey of the Land on each side of *Merrimack*, between the rivers of *Suncook* and *Cuntacook*, and lay the same into two Townships, if the Land be capable thereof, taking with them a Surveyor and Chain-men; & also that the said Committee view and report the quality and nature of the Land between *Dunstable* and that Land intended for the two Townships; and make their Report to this House the next Sessions.

[Mass. House Journal, June 15, 1722.]

Joseph Buckminster Esq; Messieurs *John Sheple* and *Joseph Winslow* a Committee appointed in *March* last, to Survey the Land on each side *Merrimack-River* between *Suncook* and *Cuntacook*. Reported,

That they had Surveyed the said Land, and find that there is a great Quantity of Waste Land, and some good Land in it. And are of Opinion that the same may be accommodable for Settling a Township, if laid out large enough. That they had also viewed the Lands on both sides the River between *Amaskeeg-Falls* and *Dunstable*, where there is a great deal of poor Pine Land, and a considerable Quantity of good, and sufficient for a Township, if the Irish do not Interrupt their Settlement, &c. Read, And

Ordered, That Mr. *Dudley*, Mr. *Wainwright*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Fullum*, and Mr. *Stoddard* be a Committee to consider their Report, and the Petition of the *Ipswich* People, for the Settlement of another Town on *Merrimack River*. To propose some Terms and Methods for the Settling them in a defensible manner, and lay the same before this House.

[Mass. House Journal, June 15, 1722.]

Whereas this House is informed by a Committee imployed at a Sessions in March *last to survey the Lands on each side of* Merrimack-River *between* Suncook *and* Cuntacook. *That in performing said Service they observed a New Line marked upon several Trees, particularly on one corner Tree marked with the Letter* N, *and several other Trees with other Letters, which tree is not more than One mile and a half from* Merrimack-River: *And discoursing with some Irish People, they declared, that they had a Grant from the Government of* New-Hampshire, *of the Land home to* Merrimack-River *from* Amaskeeg-Falls, *and that they were Resolved to make a speedy Settlement thereon.*

Ordered, That *Joseph Buckminster* Esq: Capt. *Ward*, and Capt. *John Sheple*, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Governour, and desire him to acquaint the House, whether the Goverment of *New-Hampshire* have Granted any such Tract of Land, That this Government may prevent any such Incroachments on the Lands and Properties of this Province.

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 38 A, p. 55.]

Pennecook March 22, 1723

March 19 Capt James Frie and Lieu^{t} Stephen Barker with thirty men moved from Andover to go to Pennecook y^{e} 1^{t} Day was Stormy but we went to Nutfield and lodg'd there that Night. The 2^{d} Day we Came to Amiskege and Lodg"d there, The 3^{d} Day we Came to Suncook in Pennecook and built four Camps and Lodg'd there, the 4th Day we came to Pennecook Plains att y^{e} Intervale Lands about 11 of the Clock. There we found five of those men which came from N Ireland: Mr Houston was one of them they came to us and we chose Cap^{t} Frie to discourse them with 4 men. They Say that they have a Grant of this Pennecook on both Sides of the River, they call us Rebbells and Commands to discharge the Place both in the Kings name and In the Provinces, and if we don't in a fortnight they will gitt us off, we therefore desire you Justice Stevens with the Committe to Send us word whether we have any Encouragement to Stay or else draw off. Butt Cap^{t} Frie's Courage is So that he will Stay allone rather than Let them userpers drive us off.

A True Coppy of y^{e} Journall Sent from Pennecook and of Their Treatment when they got there.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 20, 1723.]

In the House of Represent^{s} In Answer to the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Andover Bradford & Haverhill, presented Yesterday to the Court, & also the petition therein Refer'd to, Sign'd by Stephen Barker & Others for the grant of a Tract of Land at Pennicook, presented to this Court at their May Session 1721, & the proposals made by the petitioners;

Resolved that the Tract of Land lying & being on both sides of Merrimack River at a Place Call'd Pennicook, Lately Survey'd & Laid out by W^{m} Ward & John Jones in May 1722, Survey^{rs} upon oath by Order of the House of Represent^{s} be & hereby is Granted to one hundred persons such as shall be Admitted by the Committee hereafter Named, And that the said Tract of Land, as particularly delineated & Described in the plan herewith Exhibited be & hereby is Erected Into a Township. And that John Wainwright of Ipswich Esq^{r} M^{r} John Saunders of Haverhill & Cap^{t}

James Fry of Andover be a Committee fully Authorized by this Court to Allot & Grant out to such persons as will Effectually Settle the same within three Years Next after the End of the present Indian War, giving the preference to Such of the Petitioners, as In their Judgem^{t} may be Most Likely to Make a Settlement: The Lotts & Settlements to be Laid out by the said Committee in Equal Proportion According to the best Judgem^{t} of the Committee, To be In as Regular & Defensible Manner as the Nature & Circumstan^{c} of the Land will admit & Allow of. Each person or family to Whome a Lott with y^{e} other Rights & Dividends are granted shall be Obliged to build a Good Dwelling House thereon & Inhabit it, & also break up & Sufficiently fence in three Acres of Land each, within the said Term of three Years, as foresaid; That there be Reserved and Laid out to the first settled Minister in the said Town a Convenient Lot, also a Lot for the School, & a Ministerial Lott in the said Town, And that the setlers be Obliged to build a Convenient House for the Worship of God in the said Town, Within the Term of four Years; the Charge of the Committee to be paid by the Grantees, And that the Committee give Publick Notice of the Time & Place of their Meeting to Grant Allotments; *Provided* Nevertheless That In Consideration of the Extent of the Grant & goodness of the Soil & the Charge hitherto Arisen in Surveying the Same & taking the Aforesaid Plan, The Settlers & Grantees shall be Obliged & hereby are Enjoyned at their own Cost & Charge to Erect & Build & finish by the first Day of May Next a Sufficient House well strengthen'd & fortified in Some Convenient Place on the premisses, & shall Also pay & Subsist twenty Ablebodied effective Men Well Equip'd with Arm's Amunition &c, In the said House to be posted by the Commander in Chief for the time being for the Defence & Security of the Settlers, to Cover and protect them from the Invasions of the Enemy, & Also a Guard & Defence to the Town, The Twenty Men as aforesaid to be subsisted & Paid during the present Indian War & no Longer.

In Council Read & Non Concurd.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 17, 1725.]

In Answer to the Petition of *Benjamin Stevens*, *Andrew Mitchell*, *David Kimball*, *Ebenezer Eastman*, *John Osgood* and *Moses Day*, a Committee appointed by and in behalf of the Peti-

tioners formerly for a Tract of Land at a place called *Penny-Cooke*, praying, That this House would Revive their Vote pass'd the *19th.* of *June*, 1724, for the Granting of the said Tract of Land, on a Petition then preferred by the Petitioners afore-named.

Resolved, That the Tract of Land lying and being on both sides of *Merrimack River*, at a place called *Penny-Cooke*, lately Surveyed and laid out by *William Ward*, and *John Jones*, in *May*, 1722, Surveyors upon Oath by Order, Be and hereby is granted unto One Hundred Persons, such as shall be admitted by the Committee hereafter Named, and that the said Tract of Land as particularly delineated and discribed in the Plan herewith Exhibited; Be and hereby is Erected into a Township, and that *John Wainwright* of *Ipswich* Esq; Mr. *John Sanders* of *Haverhill*, and Capt. *John Shepley* of *Groton*, with such as the Honourable Board shall Appoint, be a Committee fully Authorized and Impowred by this Court to Allot and Grant out to such Persons, and only such as will Effectually Settle the same within Three Years next after the Date of this present Grant, giving the preference to such of the Petitioners as in their Judgment may be most likely to make a Settlement, the Lotts and Settlements to be laid out by the said Committee, in equal Proportion according to the best Judgment of the Committee, to be in as Regular and Defensible a Manner as the Nature and Circumstance of the Lands will admit and allow of, each Person and Family to whom a Lott with the other Rights and Dividends are Granted, shall be obliged to Build a good Dwelling House thereon, and Inhabit it, and also to Break up, and Sufficiently Fence in Three Acres of Land, each within the said Term of Three Years as aforesaid, that there be Reserved and laid out for the first Settled Minister in said Town; a Convenient Lott, also a Lott for the School, and a Ministerial Lott in the said Town, and the Settlers be Obliged to Build a Convenient House for the Publick Worship of GOD, in said Town, within the Term of Four Years, the Charge of the Committee to be paid by the Grantees, and that the Committee give Publick Notice of the Time and Place of their Meeting to Grant Allotments.

Provided Nevertheless, That in Consideration of the Extent of the Grant and Goodness of the Soil, and the Charge hitherto arisen in Surveying the same, and taking the aforesaid Plan, that each Settler and Grantee shall be obliged, and hereby is enjoyned to pay the Sum of *Five Pounds* to the Committee aforesaid, to be by them paid into the Publick Treasury, for that there may be

occasion to advance Money out of the Publick Treasury for the Encouragement of Setling a Line of Towns from this Grant to *Connecticut* River.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 21, 1725.]

A Vote came up from the House for Granting a Tract of Land upon Merrimack River at Penycook to sundry Persons to settle thereon;

W^ch^ Vote being Read in Council, was refer'd to the next Session of this Court:

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 22, 1725.]

Ordered, That Mr. *Lindall* go up with a Message to the Honourable Board, to inquire whether they have pass'd on the Vote of the House for the Grant of a tract of Land at *Penny-Cooke*. Who returned, That the Board informed him, They had referred the Consideration thereof to the next *May* Session.

Voted, That a Message be sent up to the Honourable Board, to desire they would Reconsider their Vote for referring the Consideration of the Vote of the House for Granting a Tract of Land at *Penny-Cooke*, to the next *May* Session; and that they would now pass on the said Vote of the House by Concurring or Non-Concurring, for that the House apprehend there is a great Probability that the said Lands will be Setled by others than the Inhabitants of this Province, before the next *May* Session, as it hapned in the Case of *Nutfield*, Unless this Court do now take Effectual Order for preventing such Unjust Setlements.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 29, 1725.]

In the House of Represent^ves^ *Ordered* that M^r^ Cushing, M^r^ White, M^r^ Shove & M^r^ Wilder be a Committee of the House to confer with a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board upon the Subject Matter of a Grant of Land for a Township on Merrimack River at a Place called Penycook; The Committee to sit forthwith.

In Council: Read & Concur'd, And Nathaniel Byfield, John Clark & Elisha Cook Esq^rs are a Committee of the Board to confer on the Affair above.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 6, 1725–6.]

Edmund Quincey Esq; brought down the Vote of the House of the *17th.* of *Decemb.* past, for the Grant of a Tract of Land at *Penny-Cooke.* Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council, December 21*st*, 1725. Read and Referred to the next *May* Session. Sent down for Concurrence, with

A Message, That the Board desired the House to Concur with them in Referring the said Vote to the *May* Session. Read, and the Question was put, *Whether the House would Concur with the Honourable Board in Referring their Vote to the next May Session.* It pass'd in the Negative. And,

Voted, That the House Adhere to their own Vote with the Amendment, *Viz.* Between the Words—by the Committee hereafter Named—and that the said Tract of Land—*add*—with a saving of the Right of all Persons by Virtue of any former Grant. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 7, 1725–6.]

Elisha Cooke Esq; brought down the Vote of the House for the Grant of a Tract of Land at *Penny-Cooke*, sent up last Night with the following Vote of Council thereon, *viz.* In Council, *January 7th*, 1725. Read and Non-Concur'd and Voted, That *Nathaniel Byfield*, *John Clark*, *Samuel Brown* and *Elisha Cooke* Esqrs; with such as shall be appointed by the Honourable House of Representatives, be a Committee to consider what is proper for this Court to do on the Petition of *Benjamin Stevens*, *&c.* within Referred to. Sent down for Concurrence. Read and Concur'd and *Ordered*, That Mr. *Lindall*, Mr. *Wainwright*, Mr. *Wilder*, Mr. *Hale* and Mr. *Phillips* be joyned in the Affair.

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 7, 1725–6.]

A Vote was brought up from the House of Represent^ves^ respecting the Settlem^t^ of a Town upon the Lands on Merrimack River that are near the Place called Penycook; W^ch^ Vote being Read at the Board, A Non Concurrence was Voted thereon.

In Council; *Voted* that Nathaniel Byfield, John Clark Samuel Brown & Elisha Cook Esq^rs^ with such as shall be appointed by the Hon^ble^ House of Represent^ves^ be a Committee to consider what is proper for this Court to do on the Petition of Benjamin Stevens &c, within refer'd to.

In the House of Represent^ves^ Read & Concur'd & Ordered that M^r^ Lindall M^r^ Wainwright, M^r^ Wilder M^r^ Hale & M^r^ Phillips be joined in the Affair.

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 17, 1725–6.]

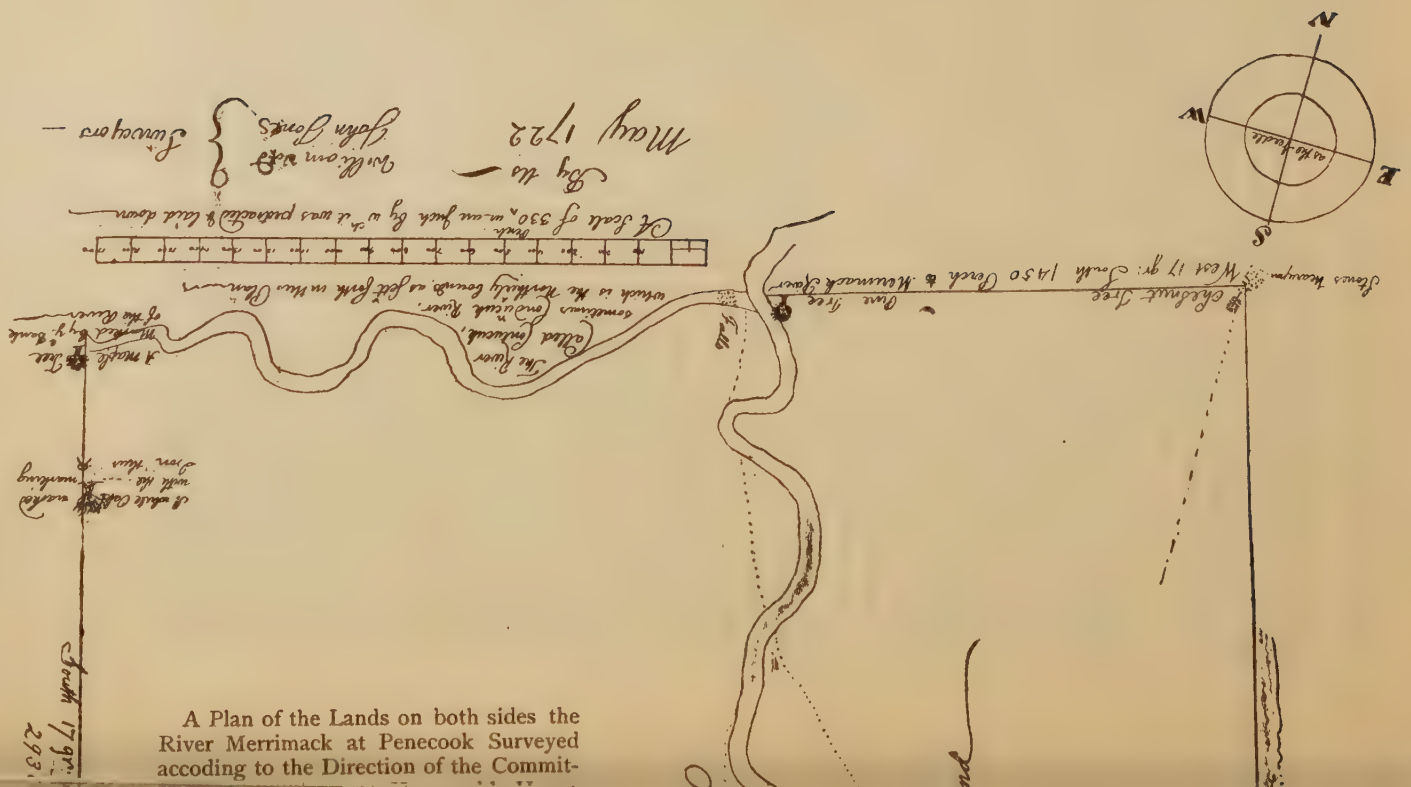
Nathaniel Byfield Esq^r^ from the Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Benjamin Stevens & others Praying for a Grant of Land at Penicook gave in the following Report; Viz.

The Committee appointed to consider what is proper for this Court to do on the Petition of Benjamin Stevens & others are humbly of Opinion That it will be for the Interest & Advantage of this Province that Part of the Lands petitioned for by the said Benjamin Stevens & Company be assign'd & set a part for a Township, Provided the same be done in a good regular & defensible Manner to contain seven Miles square, & to begin where Contacook River falls into Merrimack River, & thence to extend upon a Course East seventeen Degrees North three Miles, & upon a Course West seventeen Degrees South four Miles, to be the Northerly Bounds of the said Township, & from the extream Parts of that Line to be set off, Southerly at Right Angles until Seven Miles shall be accomplished from the said North Bounds; And that the Petitioners may be encouraged & fully impowered to prosecute their intended Settlements; Ordered that the Hon^ble^ William Tailer Esq^r^ Elisha Cook Esq^r^ Spencer Phips Esq^r^ William Dudley Esq^r^ John Wainwright Esq^r^ Capt. John Shipley, M^r^ John Saunders, Eleazer Tyng Esq^r^ & M^r^ Joseph Wilder (any five of whom to be a Quorum) be a Committee to take special Care that the following Rules & Conditions be punctually observed & kept by all

such as shall be admitted to bring forward the proposed Settlements; Namely,

That the aforesaid Tract of Land be allotted & divided into One Hundred & three equal Parts & Shares as to Quantity & Quality & that One Hundred Persons & Familys, such only as in the Judgement of the Committee shall be able to pursue & bring to pass their several Settlements on the said Lands within the Space of three Years at furthest from the first Day of June next,

That each & every intended Settler to whom a Lot with the Rights & Privileges thereto be assign'd shall Pay into the Hands of the Committee for the Use of the Province the Sum of Five Pounds, & be obliged to build a good Dwelling House fit comfortably to receive & entertain a Family who shall inhabit the same, & also break up & fence in six Acres of Land for their House Lot within the Term afore said, And that the first fifty Settlements shall be begun & perfected on the East Side of the said River Merrimack, & the several Houses shall be erected on their Home Lots not above twenty Rods the one from the other where the Land will possibly admit of it in the most regular Manner the Committee in their best Prudence can project & order; The Houses & Home Lots on each Side the River to be alike subjected to the above mentioned Conditions: That a convenient House for the publick Worship of God be compleatly finished within the Term afore said for the Accomodation of all such as shall inhabit the afore said Tract of Land upon such Part thereof as shall be Agreed on by the aforesaid Committee for the Ease of the Community; And that there shall be reserved allotted & laid out for the first Minister that shall be lawfully settled among them one full Right Share & Proportion of & in the afore said Tract of Land with all the Rights & Privileges belonging thereto, his Home Lot next adjoining to the Land whereon the Meeting House shall stand, one other full Right Share & Proportion of & in the afore said Tract of Land to be appropriated for the Use of the School for ever, & one other Ministerial Lot of equal Value with the Rest, the Home Lot appertaining thereto affixed near to the Meeting House; And for the better enabling the intended Settlers to perfect what they are hereby enjoined & impowering them to remove all such Letts & Impediments as they may meet with in the Progress of their lawful Undertaking, That when & so soon as there shall be one Hundred Persons accepted & allowed by the Committee to go and improve those Lands for the Ends & Uses above specified upon Application made to the above said Com-



A Plan of the Lands on both sides the River Merrimack at Penecook Surveyed accoding to the Direction of the Commit-

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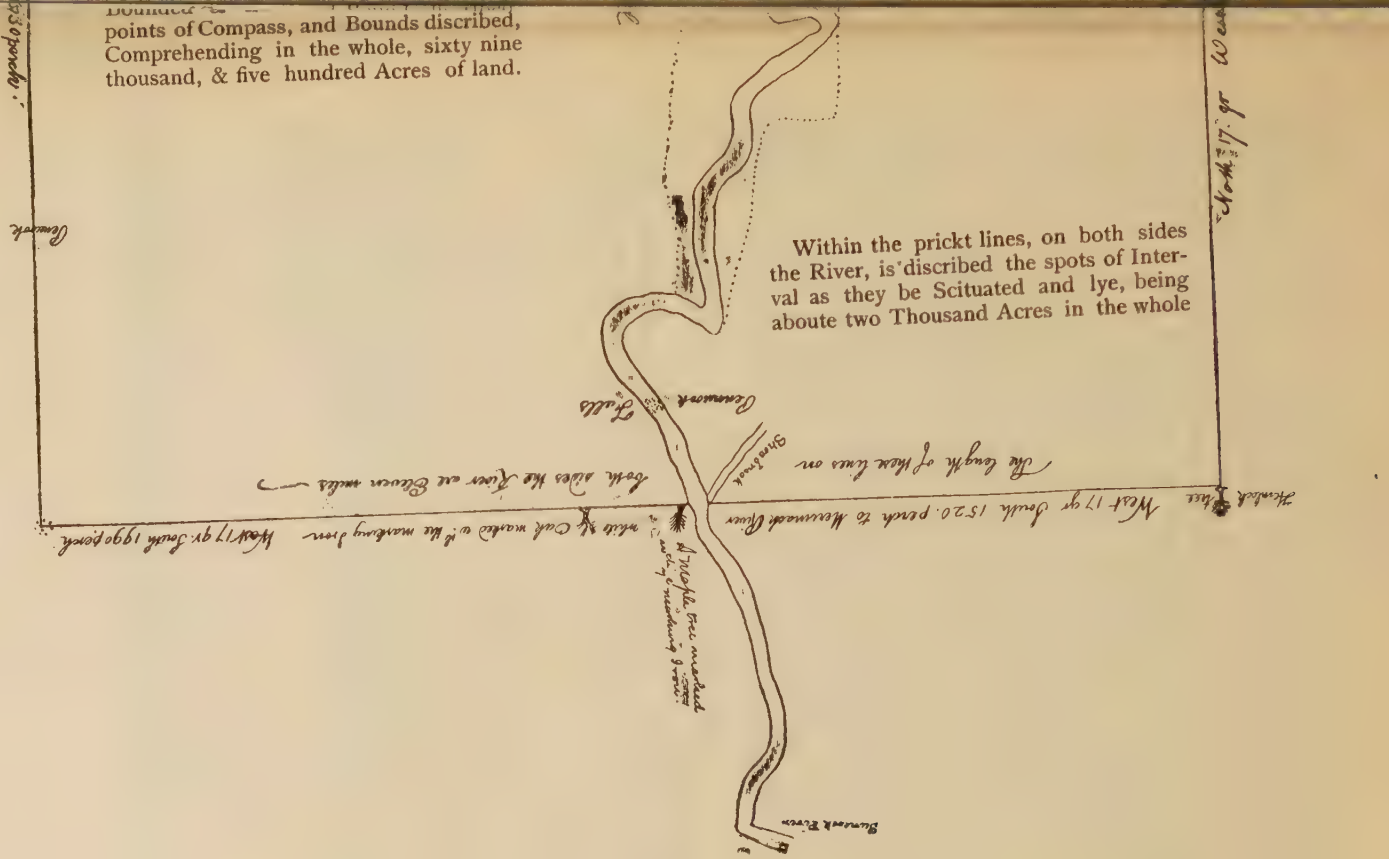
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mittee, It shall & may be lawful for them to Notify the Undertakers to meet at some convenient Time & Place, they being seasonably Notified of such Meeting; Who, when assembled shall make such necessary Rules & Orders as to them shall be thought most conducible for Carrying forward & Effecting the afore said Settlements, Provided that three fourth Parts of y^e^ Persons present at such Meeting are consenting to what Rules or Orders shall be then proposed & agreed on, two or more of the Committee to be present at such Meeting; Who shall enter into a fair Book to be kept for that Purpose all such Rules Orders & Directions Agreed on as afore said, & give out Copys thereof when required.

The whole Charge of the Committee to be paid by the Settlers And that when they shall have performed the Conditions above expressed, Provided it be within the Space of three Years as before limited, That then the said Committee for & in Behalf of this Court execute good & sufficient Deeds & Conveyances in the Law to all such Settlers for the afore said Tract of Land with all the Rights, Members, Profits, Privileges & Immunties thereon standing, growing or being for the sole Use of them their Heirs & Assigns for ever, with a Saving of all or any former Grant or Grants.

(Sign'd) In the Name of y^e^ Comm^tee^
Nath^ll^ Byfield

In Council; Read & *Ordered* that this Report be Accepted.
In the House of Represent^ves^ Read & Concur'd
Consented to Wm Dummer

[Mass. Council Records, March 3, 1725–6.]

His Honour the Lieut^t^ Gov^r^ communicated to the Board a Letter he received from the Hon^ble^ John Wentworth Esq^r^ L^t^ Governour of New Hampshire complain^g^ of the order of the Gen^l^ Court pass'd at their last Session for opening a new town at Pennicook on Merrimack River & suggesting that Pennicook is within y^e^ Province of New Hampshire

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[Mass. Council Records, March 5, 1725–6.]

His Honour the Lieut^t^ Governour hav^g^ communicated to the Board a Letter from the Hon^ble^ John Wentworth Esq^r^ Lt. Gov^r^ of

New Hampshire dated the 23rd of February last touching a Vote of ye Genl Court of this Province granting a Township at Pennicook & suggesting that the same encroached on ye bounds of that Province

The Board are of Opinion the said suggestion is alltogether groundless for that the Committee impowered to lay out the Township cannot by that Vote extend above three miles Northerly from the River Merrimack or any part thereof for ye North Bounds of the said Township.

[Mass. House Journal, June 15, 1726.]

A Memorial of the Settlers admitted to bring forward the Settlement of the Township lately granted at *Penny-Cook*, praying that they may be allowed to make their Settlements on the Western-side of the River *Merrimack*, that they may have an Equivalent for 500 Acres of Land which falls within the Grant of the said Township on the East-side of the River, and was formerly confirmed by this Court, to satisfy a Grant made to the late Honourable Governour *Endicott*, and also that the *Five Pounds* each Settler was Ordered to pay at the drawing of his Lott may be abated, for the Reasons mentioned. Read and referred to the next Fall Session for further Consideration.

[Mass. Court Records, June 24, 1726.]

William Tailer from the Committee on the Affair of Pennicook Gave in the following Report Vizt:

The Committee appointed by the Great and General Court in their Sessions begun and held in November last to bring forward a Settlement and admit one Hundred persons therein on a Tract of Land lying on Merrimack River at a Place there known by ye Name of Pennicook and having given Sufficient Notice to any Persons that were ready and would engage in the Settlement, To meet the Committee at Haverhill the first week in February last The Committee at that Time and Place admitted one Hundred Persons or Grantees into the Said Tract or Grant Giving Preference to the Petitioners that appeared to us most Suitable therefore, & in May last we proceeded to the Place in Order to lay out ye

whole Township, and the Lotts directed in the Order of the General Court beginning at the Mouth of Contoocook River where that joyns Merrimack River, and thence ran a Line East 17 Degrees North three Miles and upon a Course West 17 Degrees South four Miles And So at Right Angles from the Extreams of Each of y^e^ Aforesaid Lines Seven Miles Southerly Each, and thence from the Termination of the Seven Miles which compleats the Grant and is according thereto, And upon View and Strict Survey of the Lands on the East Side of Merrimack we find that there is little or no Water,—The Land near the River extream Mountainous and almost Impassible And very unfit for and uncapable of Receiving Fifty Families as the Court has ordered, more especially considering That near y^e^ Centre of the Town on y^e^ East Side of the River Merrimack, The Hon^ble^ Sam^ll^ Sewall Esq^r^ has a Farm of Five Hundred Acres of Good Land formerly granted by this Court and laid out to Governour Endicott, The Committee therefore with Submission to the Hon^ble^ General Court thought it advisable and accordingly have laid out one Hundred & Three Lotts of Land for Settlements on the West Side contiguous to each other regularly and in a Defensible Manner, as by the Platt of them and of the whole Grant (which is hereby presented) will appear And inasmuch as the Generality of the Land answers not the Grantees Expectations and five Hundred Acres laid out as afores^d^ Humbly offer, That the like Number of unappropriated Lands adjacent to y^e^ Township made be made to the Settlers as an Equivalent therefor.

In the House of Representatives Read and *Ordered* that this Report be so far Accepted as that the Settlers or Grantees be and hereby are Impowered and Allowed to make their Settlements on the West^n^ Side of the River Merrimack according as is proposed in the Said Report, and projected in and by Said Plan the former Order of this Court Notwithstanding, and the Said Committee are directed to proceed Accordingly.

In Council Read & Concur'd—
Consented to — W^m^ Dummer

[Mass. Court Records and House Journal, June 28, 1726.]

In Council, *Voted* That a Letter be prepared to be Sent to M^r^ Agent Dummer, Advising him that this Court apprehend the Neighbouring Government of New Hampshire are or may be

sending Home a Complaint against a Grant of Land for a Township at Pennycook on Merrimack River within this Province lately made and pass'd by this Government, And that he take effectual Care to Answer any such Complaint, And to enable him to justifie this Court in their proceedings on that Affair, That he be furnished with Such Records Papers and other Matters as any Ways relate thereto, And that he be Acquainted with the Measures taken by this Court to Adjust the Difference between the two Provinces as to the Line or Boundary, & that Nathaniel Byfield, Addington Davenport and Paul Dudley Esq^rs^ with Such as the House of Representatives Shall appoint be a Committee for the Said Service.

In the House of Representatives Read and Concur'd and *Ordered* that M^r^ Ezekiel Lewis, Joseph Wadsworth John Ballantine & Charles Chambers Esq^rs^ be added to the Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board in y^e^ Affair.

Consented to, W^m^ Dummer

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 6, 1726.]

A Memorial of the Settlers admitted to bring forward the Township lately granted at *Penny-Cook*, praying That an Equivalent for 500 Acres of Land which falls within the Grant of the Township formerly made & confirmed to satisfy a Grant made to the late Honourable Governour *Endicott* may be made them as to Quantity & Quality; and that the l. 5 to be paid by each Setler at the drawing his Lot may be abated, as Entred the 15th of *June* last, and referred to this Session. Read.

And the House took under Consideration the subject Matter of the said Petition; and Unanimously *Resolved*, That in Consideration of the 500 Acres of Land, formerly Confirmed by this Court to satisfy a Grant made to the late Honourable Governour *Endicott*, which falls within the Lines of the said Township, the Petitioners be and hereby are allowed and impowred by a Surveyor and Chain-Men on Oath, to extend the South Bounds of their Township One Hundred Rods, the full Breadth of the said Town; and the said One Hundred Rods of Land is hereby accordingly Granted & Confirmed unto them as an Equivalent, and in Satisfaction of the aforesaid Five Hundred Acres confirmed to satisfy the Grant to the said late Governour *Endicott*. And in Consideration of the Distance of the Grant of the said Township from any English Settlement and to Encourage the Setlers to make a speedy

and effectual Settlement of the Township, which may be of great Service and Security to some parts of the Western Frontiers; That the Sum of *Five Pounds* Ordered to be paid by each Setler at the Time of drawing his Lot, shall be & hereby is Abated to the said Setlers; and the Committee for Effecting and bringing forward the said Settlement, are hereby directed and impowred to admit the Setlers to draw their respective Lotts accordingly, the former Order of the Court notwithstanding.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 20, 1726, and House Journal, June 7, 1727.]

A Memorial of the Persons lately admitted to bring forward a Settlem^{t} at Penicook, Shewing that whereas this Court have been pleased to make a Grant of a Tract of Land of seven Miles square at a Place called Penicook on each Side of Merrimack River, It was Ordered that the Settlers at their own Cost should have the Land divided into One Hundred & three equal Parts as to Quantity & Quality, & that the first fifty Allotments should be begun & perfected on the Eastern Side of the River, the Memorialists would have cheerfully complied with the said Order & therefore waited on the Commitee of this Court with Surveyors & Chain men upon Oath to Survey the said Land according to the Grant; But so it happen'd that in Laying out the Allotments on the East Side of the River, they discovered a Tract of Five Hundred Acres of Land granted to the late Governor Endicot, Of which Two Hundred Acres are Interval, lying in the very Center of the said Eastern Part; Which renders the Settlem^{t} of the first fifty Lots impracticable; But the Lands on the Western Side of the River are very accomodable for making a handsom & regular Settlem^{t} And therefore Praying that they may be allowed to settle (as they may in a regular compact & defensible manner) on the Western Side of the River (The Interval on the East lying convenient for Improvem^{t} in General Fields,) And also that this Court would please to allow an Equivalent for the said Five Hundred Acres formerly granted to the late Govern^{r} Endicot, And in Consideration of the Distance of the Place from any English Settlem^{ts} & that in all Probability it will be a Frontier for a long Time to come & will cover the Towns within, in Case of a Rupture with the Indians,

That the Court would please to remit the Payment of the Five Pounds ordered to be paid by each Settler at the Time of drawing his Lot.

In the House of Represent^ves Read, And the House having taken into Consideration the Subject Matter of this Petition;

Unanimously *Resolved* that in Consideration of the Five Hundred Acres of Land formerly confirmed by this Court to satisfy a Grant made to the late Hon^ble Govern^r Endicot; Which falls within the Lines of the said Township, the Petitioners be & hereby are allowed & impowered by a Survey^r & Chain men under Oath, to extend the South Bounds of their Township One Hundred Rods the full Breadth of the said Town, And that the said One Hundred Rods of Lands is hereby accordingly granted & confirmed as an Equivalent, & in Satisfaction of the aforesaid Five Hundred Acres confirmed to satisfy the Grant of the late Govern^r Endicott.

And in Consideration of the Distance of the Grant of the said Township from any English Settlem^t & to encourage the Settlers to make a speedy & effectual Settlement of the Township; which may be of great Service & Security to some Part of the Western Frontiers, that the Sum of Five Pounds ordered to be paid each Settler at the Time of Drawing his Lot shall be & hereby is abated to the said Settlers, And the Committee for effecting & bringing forward the said Settlement are hereby directed & impowered to admit the Settlers to draw their respective Lots accordingly; The former Order of the Court Notwithstanding.

In Council; Read & Non Concur'd.

[June 10, 1727, the same resolve was again passed by the House, and again non-concurred in Council.]

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 18, 1727, and House Journal, Dec. 16, 1727.]

A Petition of John Osgood in behalf of the Settlers at Penicook, Praying that this Court would please to allow them an Equivalent of Lands for five Hundred Acres, lying within their Bounds, formerly granted to Govern^r Endicot, And that the Five Pounds ordered to be paid by each Grantee or Settler may be abated, and also that the Number of the Committee appointed by this Court to direct the said Settlement may be reduced, they

being put to great Charge by reason of the great Number of the said Committee, & that the Vote pass'd by the House on their Petition in June last may be revived.

In the House of Represent^ves Read & *Resolved* that in Consideration of the Five Hundred Acres of Land Confirmed formerly by this Court to satisfy a Grant made to the late Govern^r Endicot, which falls within the Lines of the said Township, the Petitioners be and hereby are allowed & impowered by a Surveyour and Chain men under Oath to extend the South Bounds of their Township One Hundred Rods the full Breadth of their Town; And the said One Hundred Rods of Land is hereby accordingly granted and confirmed to them as an Equivalent & in Satisfaction of the afore said Five Hundred Acres confirmed to satisfy the Grant to the said late Hon^ble Govern^r Endicott, & in Consideration of the Distance of the Grant of the said Township from any English Settlement; And, to encourage the Settlers to make a speedy & effectual Settlement of the Township Which may be of great Service & Security to some of the Western Frontiers, That the Sum of Five Pounds ordered to be paid by each Settler at the Time of his drawing his Lot, & for which the Settlers have respectively given Security, shall not be insisted on at present, nor the Payment of the Bonds they have given demanded till the further Order of this Court; And for as much as the Settlers have been put to very great & extraordinary Expence for the Payment of the Committee of this Court, which consists of nine Persons, for their Time & Charges in bringing forward the said Settlement, that the whole Power & Authority invested in the said Committee shall from hence forward cease & determine, & the Settlers shall be & hereby are impowered to chuse a Committee to consist of three or more of such prudent & discreet Persons as they shall think fit, who shall have the same Power & Authority as was invested in the aforesaid Committee appointed by this Court for effecting & bringing forward the Settlement of the said Township only, The aforesaid Order of this Court Notwithstanding:

In Council; Read & Non Concur'd.

[Mass. House Journal, Aug. 5, 1728.]

Upon a Motion made and Seconded in behalf of the *Penny-Cook* Setlers, *Resolved*, That in Consideration of the Five Hun-

dred Acres of Land formerly confirmed by this Court to satisfy a Grant made to the late Governour *Endicot*, which falls within their Boundaries, the Setlers be and hereby are allowed and impowred by a Surveyor and Chainmen on Oath to extend the South bounds of that Township One hundred Rods the full breadth of their Town, and the said One hundred Rods of Land is accordingly granted and confirmed unto them as an equivalent for the aforesaid Five hundred Acres.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Aug. 6, 1728.]

In the House of Represent^ves^ Upon a Motion made & seconded in behalf of the Pennicook Settlers; *Resolved* that in consideration of the Five hundred Acres of Land formerly confirmed by this Court to satisfy a Grant made to the late Governor Endicot, which falls within their Boundaries, the Settlers be & hereby are allowed & impowered by a Survey^r^ & Chain men on Oath to extend the South Bounds of that Township One hundred & thirty rods the full breadth of their Town; And the One hundred Rods of Land is accordingly granted & confirmed unto them as an Equivalent for the afore said five Hundred Acres of Land.

In Council; Read & Concur'd;—

Consented to,

Wm Burnet

[Mass. Court Records, Sept. 4, 1729.]

A Petition of the Proprietors of Penicook Setting forth that they have made considerable Advances towards the Settlement of the said Place by clearing of the Land, building of Houses & erecting a Meetinghouse; And therefore Praying that they may be vested with the Powers of a Township in order to their assessing & levying a Tax on the Proprietors for the necessary Charges on the said Place, & that this Court would please to remit to them the sum of Five hundred Pounds which they are obliged to pay into the Province Treasury for their respective Lots there.

In the House of Represent^ves^ Read & In answer to this Petition, *Voted* that the Committee of this Court be so far superseded as that the Lands granted to the Settlers at the new Town of Peni-

cook be & hereby are incorporated into a Township, to have & enjoy all Privileges as other Towns within this Province do, And that Mr William Burton, a principal Inhabitant there warn the Inhabitants to assemble as soon as may be, & chuse all Town Officers, to stand until the Anniversary Meeting in March next; And that the Five hundred Pounds to be paid by the Settlers of the said Town be for given & remitted & the Courts Committee are to conform hereto accordingly & proceed in their Power as directed by this Court in giving a Deed of the said Tract of Land upon the Conditions of their Grant being performed; which the said Committee are hereby further directed to take Care of & see accomplished according to the Trust reposed in them by this Court.

In Council; Read & Non Concur'd, & *Ordered* that Richard Hazzen John Chandler, William Parker & Nathaniel Symonds or any three of them, be & hereby are impowered to assess, levy & collect such sum or sums of Money as are or shall be granted agreed to be raised by & on the Settlers & Grantees of Penicook for carrying on the necessary Charges of the said Place.

In the House of Representves Read & Concur'd.

[Mass. Court Records, March 6, 1730.]

A Petition of the Proprietors of Penicook, Setting forth that they have paid into the hands of the Committee of the General Court the Consideration Money for their Lots there, that they have been at very great Charge for building a Meeting house & settling a Minister, making High ways &c, and that they are like to meet with difficulty in gathering the Money they have thus laid out; And therefore Praying that they may be made a Township & have the Privileges of other Towns within this Province, & that the Court would order that One hundred Pounds or more of the Money they have paid in as afore said may be reimbursed them for the extraordinary Charges they have been at.

In Council; Read & *Ordered* that this Petition be refer'd to the Session of this Court in May next, & that in the mean time Henry Rolfe Esqr give sufficient Warning by Notifications at Penicook & else where to the Inhabitants & Grantees of the said Tract of Land to assemble at their Meeting house on the last Monday (being the 29th) of this Instant March by ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, then & there to chuse a Clerk to enter all their Votes,

Elections, Orders & Rules by the Inhabitants made, to chuse Assessors, & Collectors of all such Ministerial Rates & Taxes granted & agreed on by the Settlers & Grantees, & any other Rates & Taxes that may be thought necessary for the Well being of that Plantation, who are impowered hereby thereunto; All the Rates & Taxes to be levied equally on all the Lots, Except the Ministery & School Lots; A to chuse a Constable, Fence Viewers & Hogreves; All to be sworn to their respective Offices by the said Henry Rolfe, hereby appointed Moderator of the said Meeting; that the said Henry Rolfe take an exact Account of what is done in each Lot, in fencing, building & improving, & lay the same before this Court at the next May Session, That the Committee for the settlement of this Plantation be fully impowered to grant anew any Lots, the Grantees whereof have not complied nor shall comply by the first of June next with the Terms of their Grants & the Orders of this Court to such other Persons as shall speedily & effectually fulfill the Conditions of their respective Grants, & that the said Henry Rolfe do notify all the Settlers & Grantees of this Order for impowering the Committee; And that the said Plantation be & hereby is declared to ly in the County of Essex.

In the House of Represent^ves Read & Concur'd with the Amendment (to be inserted at A) viz, And paid into the hands of the Assessors, by them to be disposed of for defraying the Ministerial & other Charges of the Plantation as the Settlers shall agree.

In Council; Read & Concur'd;—

Consented to, J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, July 2, 1730.]

A Petition of the Proprietors of Penicook with the Order of the House Represent^ves thereon was read in Council & Refer'd to next Session.

[Mass. House Journal, July 2, 1730.]

A Memorial and Petition of *Henry Rolfe* Esq; and *John Pecker*, in Behalf and by Order of the admitted Settlers of *Pennicook*, praying, That the payment of *Five Hundred Pounds* to the Province may be abated, and that the Township may be endowed

with equal Powers, Privileges and Immunities with the other Towns in the Province, and be declared to lie within the County of *Essex*, for Reasons mentioned.

Read and *Ordered*, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted, and the Lands together with the Inhabitants thereon, be and hereby are incorporated into and made a Township by the Name of and declared to lie within the County of *Essex*. Provided nevertheless that the Lands of such of the Grantees as shall not effectually settle on the Land within Twelve months from this Date, shall and hereby are declared subject to the payment of the *Five Hundred Pounds* to the Province, the first Grant notwithstanding: And that Mr. *Ebenezer Eastman*, a principal Inhabitant in said Town, be fully authorized and impowered to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town to assemble and convene as soon as may be to chuse Town-Officers, to stand until the next Anniversary Meeting.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 21, 1731.]

A Petition of Henry Rolfe Esq^{r} in behalf of the propri^{trs} & Settlers of Penycook, Shewing that there are ab^{t} Eighty Families settled there & y^{e} Duty performed on their Lots, but that ab^{t} Twenty of the propri^{trs} have failed of performing the Conditions of their Grants, so that their Lots are forfeited, praying y^{e} Order of this Court referring to the s^{d} Lots, as also that the s^{d} place may be erected into a Township & the Inhabitants vested with the priviledges of a Town without which they can't carry on the Affairs of the s^{d} plantation wth any regularity

In Council, Read & Ordered that Benj^{a} Lynde & Jos: Wadsworth Esq^{rs} with such as the Hon^{ble} House of Represent^{ves} shall appoint be a Comm^{tee} to Consider & report w^{t} they Judge proper for this Court to Do on this Petition—

In the House of Represent^{ves} Read & Concur'd & Ordered that M^{r} Tyng Major Epes & M^{r} Hobson be join'd in the Affair.—

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 1, 1731.]

The Comm^{tee} on the Affair of Penycook gave in y^{e} following Report Viz^{t}.

The Commtee having considered the Petition of Henry Rolfe Esqr in behalf of the Grantees or Settlers at Penicook together with the report of two of the General Courts Committees who last took a View of the Circumstancs of the sd Grantees of their Several Improvemts thereof & there appearing by the sd Report that Eighty of the sd Grantees or others in their room are actual Inhabitants or Settled there, And in as much as the sd Inhabitants labour Under many Difficulties for Want of Power to regulate themselves for the good Order & Benefit of the said plantation, We are humbly of Opinion that the said Inhabitants be vested with the same powers & priviledges that other Towns in this Province by Law have do or ought to Enjoy, And there appearing by sd Committs Report that there are Twenty Lots belonging to some of the sd Grantees who have made considerable Improvemts on their sd Lots, but have not as yet fully complied with the Conditions of sd Grant, are of Opinion that the space of Twelve months be allowed to such deficient Grantees on Condition they pay yr full proportion to all Town & Ministerial Charges as to their Lands equal with such as have fully complied with their Grants; But in Case such defici[t] Grantees, or any of them fail of fulfilling the Condition of sd Grant by the Time above expressed, & of paying their proportion of sd Charges as they shall become due; Then their said Grants be & hereby are declared to be absolutely void & forfeited, & be disposed of as this Court shall Order.—

By Order & in behalf of the Committee

Benja Lynde

In Council Read & Ordered that this Report be accepted

In the House of Representves Read & Concur'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 21, 1731–2.]

Jonathan Dowse Esq; brought down from the Honourable Board, a Memorial of *Henry Rolfe* Esq; in behalf and by Order of the admitted Settlers of *Pennicook*, praying the Court, by some *Act* or *Resolve*, to endow them with Powers, Privileges and Immunities equal to any Town in the Province, or such other Order taken for their Relief and Government, as may be thought best; as also that the Committee for bringing forward the Settlement, may have further Orders and Directions, forthwith to cause the deficient Grantees to comply with the Terms of the Grant, or

in Default thereof, to be disposed of to others who shall forthwith settle the same, and compleat the Number of One Hundred Settlers; that so the Committee may perfect what they were directed to in the Court's first Order for Settlement. Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council, *January* 21, 1731. Read, and *Ordered* That *Benjamin Lynde* and *Joseph Wadsworth* Esqrs. with such as the Honourable House of Representatives shall appoint, be a Committee to consider and Report, what they judge proper for this Court to do on this Petition,

Sent down for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, June 14, 1732.]

Capt. *Joseph Hale* reported that agreable to the order of the House of the 10*th* Currant he had prepared a Bill for erecting the Plantation at *Penny-cook* into a Township, which he laid on the Table.

[Mass. House Journal, June 14, 1732.]

A Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting a new Town within the County of* Essex *at a Plantation called* Penny-cook *by the Name of* ——. Read a first Time.

[Mass. House Journal, June 15, 1732.]

A Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting a new Town within the County of* Essex *at a Plantation called* Penny-cook *by the Name of* ——. Read a second and a third Time, and pass'd to be Engross'd

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 24, 1732.]

The Bill entitled An Act for Erecting the Lands at Penicook into a Township by the Name of ——

In Council Read a second Time & pass'd a Concurrence to be Engross'd.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 20, 1732.]

Joseph Wadsworth Esq; brought down a Petition of *Henry Rolfe* Esq; in behalf of the Settlers of *Penny-cooke*, praying some suitable Person may be appointed and impowred to call the first meeting of the Inhabitants for the ends and purposes and agreable to the order of the Court in *January* last, pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *Decemb 20th*, 1732., Read and *Ordered*, That Mr. *Benjamin Rolfe* one of the principal Inhabitants of the Plantation of *Pennycooke* be and hereby is fully impowred to assemble and Convene the Inhabitants of said Plantation to chuse Officers and to do all other matters in pursuance of an order of this Court at their Session begun and held at *Boston* the first day of *December* 1731. which Officers when chosen are to stand until the anniversary meeting in *March* next.

Sent down for Concurrence. Read and concur'd.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 21, 1732.]

A Petition of Benj[a] Rolfe Esq[r] in behalf of the Inhabitants of Penicook Praying that some Person may be impowered by this Court to Summon a Meeting of the s[d] Inhabitants for the Choice of Officers of the s[d] Plantation in pursuance of the Order passd at the Session held in Dec[r] 1731—

In Council Read Ordered that M[r]. Benjamin Rolf one of the principal Inhabitants of the Plantation of Penycook be & hereby is fully impowered to Assemble & Convene the Inhabitants of s[d] Plantation to Chuse officers and to do other Matters in pursuance of an Order of this Court begun & held at Boston the first day of Dec[r] 1731. Which Officers when chosen are to Stand until the Anniversary Meeting in March next.—

In the House of Represent[ves] Read and Concur'd.—

Consented to J Belcher.—

[Mass. Council Records, Aug. 21, 1733, and Archives Vol. 31, p. 183.]

Wanalawet Chief of the Penicook Indians and divers others of that Tribe attending, were admitted into Council.

Wanalawet made demand of the Lands at Penicook from Suncook to Contocook as his Inheritance, saying that they were never purchased of him nor his Fathers; and he likewise in behalf of the Indians resorting to Penicook, prayed that a Trading house might be set up there.

The Gov^r thereupon acquainted the Indians, that Wanalanset Chief Sachem on Merrimack River had sold all those Lands to the English almost forty years agoe, and the Secretary shew'd the Indians the Record of his Deeds; with which they express'd themselves fully satisfied and acknowledged that the English had a good right to the said Lands by those Deeds

And then the Indians were dismiss'd.

Voted, that Thomas Cushing and Ezekiel Lewis Esq^rs be desired to provide and distribute among the Penicook Indians now in Town such things as they Judge most proper, to a value not exceeding fifteen pounds, besides a good Blanket to Abraham's Son, in consideration of his loosing his Cloaths in carrying a Message from this Government to the Indians at the end of the last War.

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 8, 1733.]

An Accompt presented by Cpt. Joseph Kellog of the Claims of divers Indians to Lands at Pennicook, and to other Lands on Connecticut River.

In the House of Represent^ves Ordered that Col^o Stoddard & Cpt. Israel Williams be desired to make Inquiry into y^e s^d Claims, & if they find y^e Indian Right has not been already conveyed, to report on what Conditions they will accomodate the province with y^e s^d Lands.—

In Council, Read & Concur'd.—

Consented to, J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Feb. 8, 1733–4.]

Samuel Came, Esq; brought down a Petition of *Henry Rolfe*, Esq; for himself and the other Grantees of the Plantation of *Penny-Cooke*, praying that they may be heard to make it appear to the Court that they have fulfilled the Conditions of their Grant, and that thereupon they may be allowed to bring in a Bill to erect the

Plantation into a Township, for the reasons mentioned, Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *Febr.* 8*th.* 1733. Read and *Ordered*, That *Thomas Cushing*, and *Edward Goddard*, Esqrs; with such as shall be joined by the honourable House be a Committee to consider of this Petition, and report as soon as may be what may be proper for this Court to do thereon. Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and concur'd, and Capt. *Hill*, Mr. *Hobson*, and Mr. *Hall* are joined in the affair.

[Mass. House Journal, Feb. 9, 1733–4.]

William Pepperrill, Esq; brought down the Petition of *Henry Rolfe*, Esq; in behalf of the *Penny-Cooke* Settlers and Grantees as entred yesterday, with the report of the Committee of both Houses thereon, *viz. Febr. 9th*, 1733. The Committee appointed to consider of the within Petition of *Henry Rolfe*, Esq; report thereon as follows, *viz.* that it appearing to the said Committee that the several Grantees of the Lands at the Plantation called *Penny-Cooke* have fully complied with all the Articles and Conditions expressed in the Court's Grant respecting the Settlement of their respective Lotts, are therefore of Opinion that they be allowed to bring in a Bill as prayed for in said Petition, all which is humbly submitted by order of the Committee, *Thomas Cushing*. Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *Febr. 9th.* 1733. Read and accepted and *Ordered*, That the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Sent down for Concurrence. Read and concur'd.

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 9, 1733–4.].

The Committee appointed to consider the Petition of the Grantees of Penicook gave in the following Report, viz,

The Committee appointed to consider the within Petition of Henry Rolfe, Esq^{r} report thereon as follows; viz.—

That it appearing to the said Committee that the several Grantees of the Lands at the Plantation called Penicook have fully complied with all the Articles & Conditions as expressed in the Courts Grant respecting the settlement of their several Lots Are therefore

of Opinion that they be allowed to bring in a Bill as prayed for in the said Petition: All which is humbly submitted.

By order of the Committee

Tho. Cushing.

In Council; Read & Accepted, & *Ordered* that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly—

In the House of Represent^ves Read & Concur'd;—

Consented to, J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Feb. 25, 1733–4.]

Mr. Secretary brought down a Bill Entitled *An Act* for *erecting a new Town in the County of* Essex *at a Plantation called* Penny-Cooke *by the Name of* . . . . Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *Febr.* 22*d.* 1733. Read. 25*th.* Read a second time and pass'd to be Engross'd. Sent down for Concurrence.

Read a first time.

[Mass. House Journal, Feb. 26, 1733–4.]

A Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting a new Town within the County of* Essex *at a place called* Penny Cooke *by the Name of* . . . . Read a second and a third time and pass'd a Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, March 1, 1733–4.]

Ordered, That Mr. *Benjamin Rolfe*, a principal Inhabitant of the new Township at the Plantation of *Penny-Cooke*, be and hereby is impowred and directed to assemble the Freeholders and other Inhabitants there lawfully qualified to vote, with all convenient speed, to chuse Town Officers and do such other things as may be thought proper for the interest of the Inhabitants of the said Township and Plantation. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, March 4, 1733–4.]

An Engross'd Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting a new Town within the County of* Essex, *at a Plantation called* Penny-Cooke, *by the name of* Rumford.

[Mass. Court Records, March 23, 1735.]

A Petition of Divers Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford formerly Called Pennycook, Praying for an Addition to their Township of a Tract of Province Land three Miles in bredth Adjoyning to their West bounds and of the same Extent in length—

In the House of Represent[a] Read & in Answer to this petition, *Ordered* that the pet[rs] have leave by a Survey[r] and Chainmen on Oath to Extend the Westerly bounds of the Township of Rumford three Miles Westerly and that they Return a plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for Confirmation to them their heirs and Assignes Respectivly; provided they do within four Years from the Confirmation of the Plat Settle Forty Good familys Upon the Granted premisses, each of which to have Six Acres of the Granted premisses fenced in and well Inclosed and plowed and fitted for Corn and English Grass and also to have a Dwelling house each thereon of Eighteen feet Square and Seven feet Stud at the least wherein the said Familys are Actually to Inhabit; And provided also that this Grant do not Incommode the Settlement of the proposed lines of Townships between the Rivers of Connecticutt and Merrimack—

In Council Read & Nonconcurr'd

[Mass. House Journal, March 20, 1735–6.]

A Petition of Capt. *Ebenezer Eastman* and *Benjamin Rolfe*, Esq; for themselves and upwards of forty others Proprietors and Inhabitants of the Town of *Rumford*, praying they may obtain a tract of three miles of Land Westward of the West Bounds of their Township, for the reasons mentioned. Read, and in answer to this Petition, *Ordered*, That the Petitioners have leave by a Surveyor and Chain men on Oath to extend the Westerly bounds of the Township of *Rumford* three miles Westerly, and that they return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation to them their heirs and assigns respectively, provided they do within four years from the confirmation of the Plat settle forty good families on the granted premisses, each of which to have six acres thereof fenced in and well inclosed and ploughed, and well fitted for Corn & English Grass, as also each to have a dwelling House thereon of eighteen feet square & seven feet stud at the least,

wherein the said families are actually to inhabit, and provided also that this Grant does not incommode the Settlement of the proposed Lines of Townships between the Rivers of *Connecticut* and *Merrimack*.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[*Petition of Timothy Walker, Jr., and Others for Equivalent to Penacook Grant*, 1774.]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 118, p. 751.]

To His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq^r^ Captain General & Governor of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Honorable His Majesty's Council and House of Representatives of said Province in General Court assembled Boston Jan^y^ 26. 1774

The Petition of Timothy Walker Jun^r^ on behalf of himself and Associates humbly sheweth

That They and their Ancestors in the year 1725 for a valuable Consideration purchased a Township of a little more than Seven Miles Square of this Goverment at a Place then called Pennicook afterwards Rumford on Merrimack River, That not at all doubting the Authority of this Government to make the said Grant, the Grantees, notwithstanding the extreme difficulty & Cost of effecting a settlement so far up in the Indian Country at that Time, yet so vigorously applied themselves thereto, that in the year 1733, consequent upon y^e^ Report of a Committee sent by them to view the same, The then General Court of this Province declared that the Grantees had to full satisfaction fulfilled the Terms of their Grant, & incorporated them by the Name of Rumford, That by the determination of the Boundary Line between this Province and that of New Hampshire by his late Majesty in the year 1740 the said Township fell near For^y^ Miles to the Northward of the dividing Line, That about the 1749 a Society under a Grant from the Province of New Hampshire began to molest us in our Possessions and sued us in several Actions of Ejectment and always recovered against us in the Courts of New Hampshire, In this distressed State of our Affairs we applied to this Goverment to enable us to lay our Case before his Majesty by Way of Appeal, That by virtue of several Grants from this Goverment amounting in the whole to about the original purchase Consideration together with simple In-

terest for the same and also by much larger Sums raised amongst ourselves we have been enabled to prosecute two Appeals to his Majesty, and altho' in each we obtained a reversal of the Judgment that stood against us here, yet the Royal Order extending in express Terms no farther than the Land sued for, the advantage fell far short of the Expence, and our Adversaries went on troubling us with new suits, Thus exhausted and seeing no end of our Troubles, we have been reduced to the necessity of repurchasing our Township of our Adversaries at a Rate far exceeding its Value in its rude State, That we have been at considerable expence in taking a View of a Tract of Land on Ammoroscoggin River on the Easterly side of Fullers Town (so called) which we apprehend would answer for a Township. We therefore Humbly Pray, That your Excellency & Honours would be pleased so far to pity our hard Case as to make us a grant of a Township at the said Place to lie on each side of Ammoroscoggin River of equal extent with that formerly granted us by this Province on such reasonable Terms as you shall think proper, And your Petitioners shall as in Duty bound ever pray

Timothy Walker Jun^{r} in behalf of himself & Associates

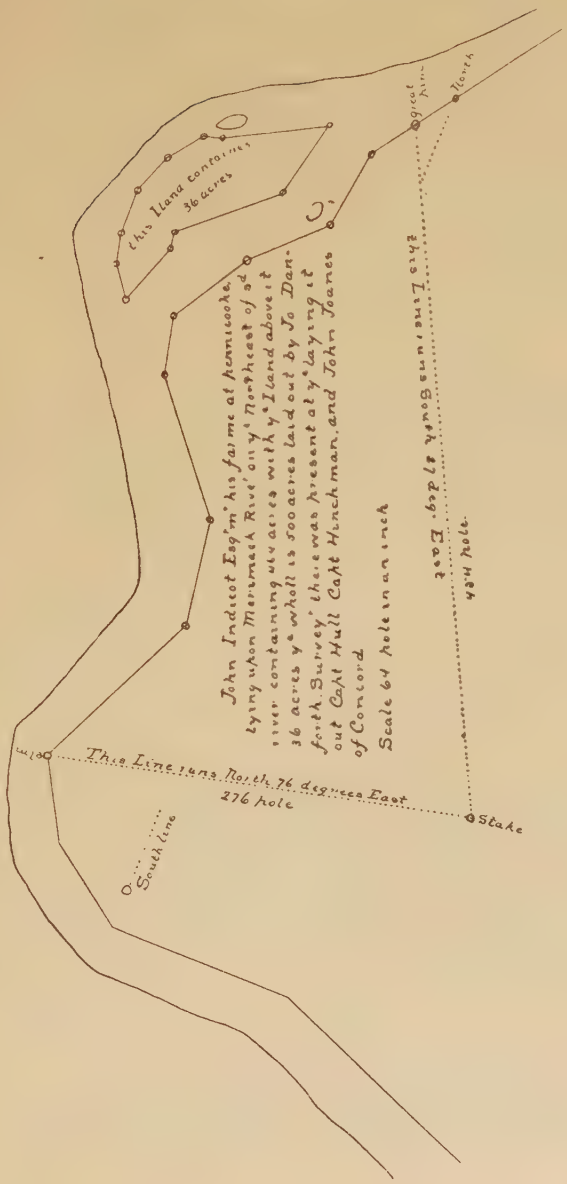
[In answer to this petition, the General Court granted the petitioners the township of Rumford, Me., Feb. 3, 1774.]

[Grant to John Endicott.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 27, 1668.]

Laid out to Jn^{o} Endecot Esq^{r} Gov^{r}no^{r} five hundred acres of land in the wilderniss at Pennicooke one part or parcell of the same conteyning thirty six acres more or lesse lieth upon an Island in the said River of merrimacke which Island lyeth at the very farthest end of that place Called Pennicooke alsoe one part or parcell of the same Conteyning fower hundred sixty fower acres more or lesse lyeth upon the aforesaid River on the east side of it it begins at the North East End of that Intervaile, at a great pine standing by merrimack side marked wth J I and from this pine it runns doune the River by a crooked line five hundred thirty fower pole, where it is bounded by an elme a great one standing by the side of the bancke markt as before wth J I from thence it runns to the high upland almost upon an East & by north Point two hun-

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 45, p. 228.]


This Land contains 36 acres
John Indicot Esq'r his farme at Acmicooke lying upon Merrimack River on y' Northeast of sd river containing 400 acres with y' Land above it 36 acres y' whole is 500 acres laid out by Jo Danforth Survey' there was present at y' laying it out Capt Hull Capt Hinchman and John Joanes of Concord
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dred siventy six pole unto a stake standing in a swampish peece of Ground a tree standing behind it eastward marked w^th^ J I: and from thence it runs to the first pine wch is fower hundred fifty fower pole also there is two very smale Islands laid to it one lieth betweene this land, & the great Island w^ch^ Conteins by estimation about twelve pole and another Island wch lieth on the north west of the first Conteyning about sixteene or twenty pole by estimation all wch is more fully demonstrated by a plott taken of the same by Jonathan Danforth Surveyor

the Court Approoves of this returne/

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 45, p. 228.]

John Endicot Esq^r^ his farme at penicooke lying upon Merimack Riv^r^ on y^e^ North east of s^d^ river containing 464 acres, with y^e^ Iland above it 36, acres y^e^ wholl is 500 acres laid out by Jo: Danforth Survey^r^ there was present at y^e^ laying it out, Capt: Hull, Capt Hinchman and John Joanes of Concord

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[Grant to William Hawthorne.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 22, 1661.]

This Court Considering the Good service of major william Hauthorne for severall yeares past in magistericall transactions for the Towne of Salem & marblehead and otherwise to the great hinderance of his personall occasions & the dimunition of his estate doe hereby Graunt unto him five hundred acres of land in the wildernes where it may not hinder a Towneship to be laid out before the next Court of Election, by m^r^ Edmond Batler & Left Lathrop & some Approoved Artist./

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 7, 1668.]

Upon the motion of Capt Thomas clarke The Court Doeth order & Appoint Left Peter Coffyn of Dover & Ralph Hall of Exeter to

lay out the land granted formerly to major william Hathorne according to grant & to make returne thereof to the next Court of Election.

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 18, 1672.]

In Ans^{r} to the motion of major w^{m} Hauthorne that whereas this Court in may 1661 granted him five hundred acres of land severall yeares since & not yet laid out that he may have liberty to lay it out a mile square at or About Penecooke. The Court Judgeth it meet to grant his request Provided it hinder not a Tounship as is exprest in that grant and that it Interfere not wth any former grants./

[Grant to Samuel Sewall.]

[*Petition of Samuel Sewall and Wife, 1695.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 45, p. 227.]

To the Honorable William Stoughton Esq^{r} Lieut Governour of his Majs Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England and to the honourable Council & Representatives assembled in General Court at Boston Novemb^{r} 20th 1695

The Petition of Samuel Sewall and Hannah his wife Daughter & Heir of John Hull Esqr late of Boston deceased, humbly sheweth

That wheras the late Governour & Comp^{a} of the Masschusetts Bay in N. E. at a General Court held at Boston May 6, 1657, did Grant unto John Endicott Esq^{r} then Governour, one Thousand Acres of Land in these words, "In answer to the Motion of John Endi- "cott Esq^{r} our present Governour, this Court doth grant Him One "Thousand Acres of Land to be laid out unto Him in any place "not prejudicing former Grants: and is in lieu of Seventy five "pounds by him and his Wife in the general Adventure.

And whereas the s^{d} John Endicott Esqr & Elisabeth his Wife upon the ninth of March 1658. in Consideration of Fifty pounds, did sell and confirm unto the s^{d} John Hull and his Heirs for ever, their abovementioned Grant of Land and all the Benefit to be received by it, as by Deed under their Hands & Seals appears.

And whereas no Land has been laid out & allowed nor other Compensation made to the s^d^ John Endicott Esqr, Elisabeth his Wife, or to the s^d^ John Hull Esqr or any of their Heirs or Assigns. (That granted to your Petitioners Nov^r^ 8, 1693, being included in a Grant of all Mericoneg Neck to Harvard Colledge as now appears)

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, That Five Hundred Acres of land at Pennicook on the North-East side of Merrimack River be Laid out by Capt Jonathan Danforth Surveyor, as by the Platt hereunto anexed apeareth, may be Granted & Confirmed unto your Petitioners and their Heirs for ever in part of the aforementioned Grant of One Thousand Acres: And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &^c^

Read & Voted in Council Nov^r^ 29, 1694 [1695] to be granted and sent down for concurrence

Is^a^ Addington Secry

Decemb^r^ 3^d^ 1695. Voted a Concurrence in the house of Representatives

William Bond Speaker

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 29, 1695.]

Upon reading the Petition of Samuel Sewall Esq^r^ and Hannah his Wife, Daughter, and Heir of John Hull Esq^r^ Praying that five hundred Acres of Land lying at Pennicook on the North east side of Merrimack River, as in the Platt thereof, therewith Presented, made by Capt Jonathan Danforth Surveyer, may be granted, and Confirmed to them in Part of a Grant of One thousand Acres Confirmed to them upon an Ancient Grant made unto John Endicott Esq^r^ then Governour, and Purchased by the said John Hull, And formerly sett forth unto the Petitioners at Merriconeg neck in Casco bay upon the said Grant, Appearing to be before granted unto Harvard Colledge

The Aforesaid Five hundred Acres Petitioned for is ordered to be granted, and Confirmed unto the Petitioners, and their Heirs forever

I consent W^m^ Stoughton

[Mass. House Journal, June 24, 1738.]

Col. *Alden* from the Committee appointed the 14*th* currant, reported according to Order, on the Petition of *Samuel Sewall*, Esq; and others, the Children &c. of *Stephen Sewall*, late of *Salem*, Esq; deceased, which was read and accepted, and in Answer to this Petition, *Voted*, That five hundred Acres of the unappropriated Lands of the Province be and hereby is given and granted to the Petitioner *Samuel Sewall*, Esq; and the other Children and Heirs of their Father *Stephen Sewall* late of *Salem*, Esq; deceased, and the legal Representatives and Descendants of such of them as are deceased, on account of the Services and Expence of their said Father, as within mentioned, and that the Grantees be allowed and impowred to survey the same by a Surveyor and Chain Men on Oath, and return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 5, 1738–9.]

Samuel Sewall Esq; laid on the Table a Plat of five hundred Acres of Land laid out on the East side of *Merrimack River*, opposite to the Plantation called *Contoocook*, to satisfy a Grant of this Court in their Session in *May* last to the Heirs &c. of his late honoured Father *Stephen Sewall*, Esq; deceased. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be referred to the next sitting for Consideration.

DEERING.

[This town was originally a part of *Cumberland* or *Society Land*. It was incorporated Jan. 17, 1774, and named by Gov. John Wentworth in honor of his wife, whose maiden name was Frances Deering.

See New Hampshire charters following; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 759; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 490; Index to Laws, 146; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 366.]

[Grant to Jonathan Butterfield.]

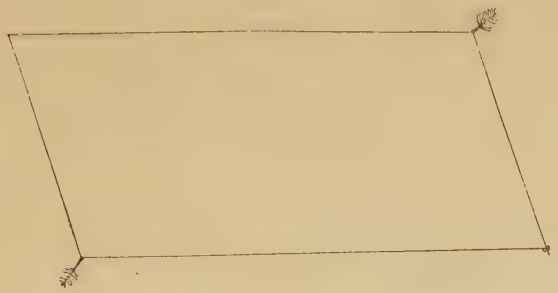
[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 21.]

On the Petition of Jonathan Butterfield Chelmsfd
In the House of Represent^ves Dec^r 4, 1736 Read and in Answer to this Petition Ordered That the Petitioner have Leave by a Surveyor and chain-men on Oath to Survey and lay out three Hundred Acres of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province adjoining to Some Township, and return a plat thereof to this Court within Twelve Months for Confirmation to him his Heirs and Assignes: provided he or they do within three Years from the Confirmation build an House of Eighteen feet Square, and Seven Feet Stud at the least, Settle a Family therein, and bring to English Grass fit for Mowing Six Acres of Land.—
Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^kr
In Council January 15, 1736. Read & Concur'd
Simon Frost Dep^t Sec^ry
18 Consented to, J Belcher
A true Copy Exam^d Simon Frost Dep^t Sec^ry

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 13, 1737, and House Journal, Dec. 12, 1737.]

A Plat of Three Hundred Acres of Land laid out by Joseph Wilder Jun^r Survey^r and Chain Men upon Oath, to fulfill a grant of this Court made to Jonathan Butterfield, lying adjacent to the Township Number Seven in the Line of Towns; Beginning at a Hemlock Tree marked with the letter A standing in the South Line of the said Township three miles from the South East corner; thence running South 11° 30′ East by a line of marked Trees three hundred and twenty rods to a Stake and Stones B: thence East 5° 30′ north, one hundred and sixty rods by a Line of marked Trees to a Hemlock Tree to the letter C; thence North 11° 30′ East three hundred and twenty rods by a Line of marked Trees to a Stake and heap of Stones in the aforesaid Town Line to the letter D, and from thence in the said Line to the first mentioned Station.

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 20.]



September 15th 1737. Then Layed out a farm of three hundred Acres of Land, to Satisfie a Grant of the Great and Generall Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, Made to Jonathan Butterfield of Chelmsford December ye 4th 1736 which lyeth Adjoyning to the Town Ship N° 7 in the line of Towns and began at a Hemlock tree marked with the Letter A Standing in the South line of the said Town Ship N° 7 three Miles from the South East corner, and from thence it ran South Eleven degrees and thirty Minutes west by a line of marked trees 320 rods to a Stake & Stones to the Letter B from thence East five degrees & thirty Minutes North One hundred and Sixty rods by a line of marked trees to a hemlock tree to the Letter C from thence North Eleven degrees and thirty Minutes East three hundred & Twenty rods by a line of marked trees to a Stake & heap of Stones in the aforesaid Town line to the Letter D and from thence with said line to where it began, in the lines above said Ten Acres is allowed for Swagg of Chain.

℔ Joseph Wilder Junr Surveyer

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 20, and Court Records, Dec. 13, 1737.]

In the House of Representatives December 12th 1737 Read and Ordered that the plat be Accepted and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said Jonathan Butterfield his Heirs and Assigns for Ever he or they performing

the Conditions of the Grant provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of three hundred Acres of Land and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^kr
In Council Dec^r 13, 1737 Read and Concurr'd
Simon Frost Dep^t Sec^ry
Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 21.]

Middlesex ss Dunstable Nov^r y^e 23^d 1737

Then M^r Joseph Wilder Jun^r as Surveyor & M^r Isaac Baldwin as Chainmen personally Appearing made Oath that in Surveying and measuring A tract of y^e unappropriated Land of the province Containing Three Hundred Acres to Satisfie y^e grant made by the great and Gen^ll Court to M^r Jon^a Butterfield That they Acted faithfully & Impartially According to their Respective trusts

Jurat Coram me Joseph Blanchard Jus^e pac^s

Worcester ss^s Shrewsbury dece^r 1737

John Clark Jun^r of Worcester of Lawfull age personally appeared before me the Subscriber One of his Majestys Justices of the Peace & made Oath that he Together with M^r Isaac Baldwin of Sudbury Carried the Chain in Measuring Three hundred acres of Land Adjoyning on a Town Ship called Number Seven in y^e Line of Townes being a Grant made by the Great & General Court to Jonathan Butterfield of Chelmsford whereof Joseph Wilder Jun^r of Lancaster was the Surveyer to Measure the s^d Three hundred acres & that he the s^d John Clark acted therein faithfully and truly according to his best Skill & Judgment Sworn before me

John Keyes Just^e peace

[Grant to Thaxter, Turner, and Dudley.]

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 25, and Court Records, Dec. 3, 1736.]

In Answer to the Petition of Samuel Thaxter, John Turner, and William Dudley Esq^rs

In the House of Representatives Dec^r 1^st 1736. Read & Ordered that the Prayer of the Petition be Granted and the

Petitioners are hereby allowed & Impowered to Lay out the Said Eight Hundred Acres of Land in full satisfaction of the afores^{d} Grant of Twelve hundred Acres of Land in three Equal Parts or Shares Accordingly, And that the Sanction of any Right or Tittle to the Eight hundred Acres, Laid out & Confirmed before the 19th of Dec^{r} 1735 be Superseded & Declared Null & Void and that they return the Platts thereof to this Court adjoyning to some Township or former Grant within Twelve Months for Confirmation.

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^{kr}
In Council Dec^{r} 3^{d} 1736 Read & Concurred
Simon Frost Dep^{t} Sec^{y}
Consented to J Belcher
A True Copy Ex^{d} ℔ Simon Frost Dep^{t} Sec^{ry}

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 13, 1737.]

A Plat of Eight Hundred Acres of land laid out by Joseph Wilder Jun^{r} and Chain men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant made by the General Court to Samuel Thaxter, John Turner, and William Dudley Esq^{rs} lying South on the line of Towns and bounding North on the Township Number Six in said Line of Towns and every other way on Province Land; Beginning at a Hemlock Tree marked for an Angle with the letter S standing in the South Line of the Line of Towns two hundred rods East from the Ten Mile Mark in said Line; thence running South 5° 30′ by a Line of marked Trees three hundred and twenty rods to a Beach Tree marked with the Letter T; thence West 5° 30′ South, by a Line of marked Trees four hundred and twenty rods to a Beach Tree marked with the letter W, and thence by a Line of marked Trees North 5° 30′ West three hundred & twenty rods to a Stake in the Line of the Township Number Six marked D, and Stones at the bottom; thence with the Line of said Township to the first Station.

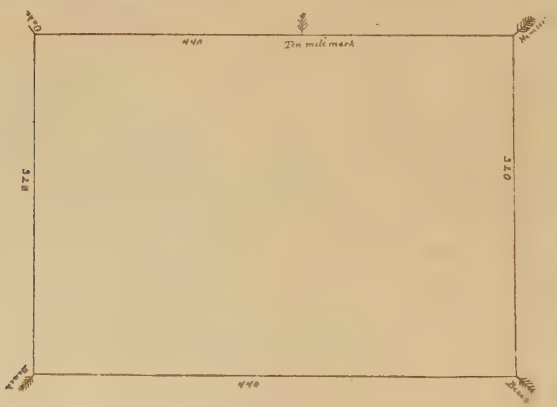
[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 25.]

July the 11th 1737 Layed out Eight Hundred acres of Land to Satisfie a Grant Made to y^{e} Hon^{bl} John Turner Samuel Thaxter and William Dudley Esq^{rs} being in full Satisfaction of the

Remainder of a Grant of Twelve Hundred acres part where of being formerly Laid out, Said Eight Hundred acres Lieth South of the line of Towns and Bounds north on the Township N° Six in the Said line of Towns and Every other way on Province Land It began at a Hemlock tree marked for an angle mark and with y^e^ Letter S Standing in y^e^ South line of y^e^ Line of Towns two Hundred Rods East from the Ten mile mark in Said Line; and from thence it Ran South five degrees thirty minutes East by a line of Mark trees Three Hundred and Twenty Rods to a Beach tree marked with y^e^ Leter T and from thence it Ran West (by a line of Mark Trees) five degrees thirty m South four Hundred and Fourty Rods to a Beach tree marked with y^e^ Letter W and from thence by a line of mark trees North five degrees thirty m West Three Hundred and Twenty Rods to a Stake in y^e^ line of y^e^ Township N° Six marked with D and Stons at the botom, and from thence with y^e^ line of Said Township to the Hemlock Tree marked with y^e^ Letter S where it began—There is alowed in the above said lines Thirty acres for sagg of Chane and fifty acres for a pond lying in it

By Joseph Wilder j^n^ Surveyor

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 25.]



[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 25, and Court Records, Dec. 13, 1737.]

In the House of Representatives December 12^th^ 1737 Read and

ordered that the plat be accepted and the Lands therein delineated and described be and are hereby confirmed to the said John Turner Samuel Thaxter & William Dudley Esq^{r} their Heirs and Assigns respectively for Ever in full satisfaction of the Grant of twelve hundred acres of Land formerly made them by this Court, provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of Eight Hundred Acres, exclusive of the Allowance of thirty Acres for swag of Chain and fifty acres for a pond lying in it as within mentioned and interferes with no former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^{kr}
In Council Dec^{r} 13, 1737 Read and Concurr'd
Simon Frost Dep^{t} Sec^{ry}
Consented to, J Belcher

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 25.]

Worcester ss

July y^{e} 18th 1737 Then Joseph Wilder jn appearing Made oath that in Surveying the Eight Hundred acres of Land above delineated He faithfully attended the Duity of a Surveyor according to the best of his Skill and Judgment—

Before me Joseph Wilder Justice of y^{e} Peace

Amos Rugg appearing y^{e} day aforesaid before me y^{e} Subscriber made oath that in the Surveying the above Said Eight Hundred acres of Land he faithfully performed y^{e} service of a Chane man according to his best Judgment—

Joseph Wilder Justice of y^{e} Peace

DOVER.

[Formerly known as *Cochecho* and *Northam*. The town was never formally incorporated, but early assumed a municipal organization. Submitted to the Massachusetts government in 1641. The name of Dover was taken from an English town. Newington was set off as a parish in 1713, and was given town privileges in 1764. Somersworth, including Rollinsford, was set off as a parish Dec. 19, 1729, and incorporated April 22, 1754. Durham, including Lee and a part of Madbury, was set off and incorporated May 15, 1732. Madbury, made up partly from Dover and partly from Durham, was set off as a parish, May 31, 1755, and was given town privileges May 26, 1768. Dover was incorporated as a city June 29, 1855, and the charter was amended the following year.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 153; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 506; Index

to Laws, 152; Farmer's Belknap's History of New Hampshire, chapters 1 and 2, *et seq.*; Historical Memoranda, comprising 450 articles in the *Dover Enquirer*, from 1850 to 1890, principally by Alonzo H. Quint, a few being contributed by John Wentworth, Ballard Smith, Charles Wesley Tuttle, and Mary P. Thompson; sketch of Dover, by Alonzo H. Quint, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 758; The First Parish in Dover, 1633 to 1883, by Alonzo H. Quint, 1884, pp. 148; The Wentworth Genealogy, by John Wentworth, 1878, in three volumes; Landmarks in Ancient Dover, and the Towns Which Have Sprung Therefrom, by Mary P. Thompson, 1888, pp. 85; special papers relating to the early history of the town in the appendix to this volume: consult authorities cited under titles, Exeter, Hampton, Isles of Shoals, Gosport, New Castle, and Portsmouth.]

[*Petition of Dover and Portsmouth for Grant of Land, a Magistrate, &c., 1667.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 172.]

To y^e^ Hon^ed^ Gen^l^ Court now assembled In Boston May 1667

The Humble petition of the Inhabitants of the two Townes of Dover & Portsm^o^ on piscattaq River Humbly Sheweth:

That whereas yo^r^ petition^rs^ both from y^e^ Necessitie of o^r^ Naked condic'on & Injuntion by this Hon^ed^ Court to erect some ffortificac'ons for defence in piscattaq Rivers mouth, the charge whereof Lying only upon the two s^d^ townes & y^e^ burthen heavier upon us then upon any part of the Countrie Considering the Numb^r^ of o^r^ Inhabitants As also considering the straitness of o^r^ townshipps especially that of portsm^o^, being Crowded into a very Narrow, & o^r^ Inhabitants growing Numerous & wanting accomodations Humbly desires this Hon^ed^ Court to grant yo^r^ petition^rs^ a tract of Land in the Wilderness upon the head of Dover bounds Not yet granted unto any towne or person w^ch^ may be an enlargemen^t^ to o^r^ Inhabitants & an Inabling them to carry on & p^f^icting of y^e^ Sayd ffortificac'on begun, wherein the whole Collony is deeply concerned farther desireing this Hon^ed^ Court that they will please that some declaration may be made in the s^d^ townes (or otherwise as their wisdoms shall see meete) for the quietting and quallifiing o^r^ Inhabitants concerning pattents & claimes made by Some persons disafected unto this Goverm^t^

moreover Considering y^t^ we for p^r^sent are & Still for a time may be without a Magestrate to Cohabit among us (w^ch^ we most earnestly desire) Humbly pray this Court for the Confirmac'on of Magistratticall power as formerly, & Settleing of it upon some

Meete persons whome yo^r wisdoms make choise of especially in the towne of portsm^o, that sin & wickedness may be Curbed w^ch much abounds in these Licentious times, the Necessitie of w^ch urgeth us to be begg, & we hope will Incline you to Grant, And y^t all farmes already granted or to be granted greater or lesser may belong to Such of the two townes till this court take furth^r ord^r ffinally this Hon^rd Court the Last year were pleased to promise that they would doe w^t might be don for a supply of great Gunns w^ch is o^r great want, that if it be possible we may have som Lentt us untill we can buy or that they would be a meanes we might purchase som for such pay o^r River doth afford the Grant of all w^ch will obleidg us as formerly So still to pray for a happie Success to all y^r most weightie affairs/

[*Grant of Land, and Magistrate Allowed, to Dover and Portsmouth, 1667.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 173.]

In Answ^r to y^e petition of Dover & portsm^o The Deputies Judg meete to Grant them a tract of Land of Six myles Square for a towne in Some Convenient place above Dover Bounds Not formerly Granted./ And y^t all farmes that are or shall be layd out there shall belong to the Jurisdicc'on of Dover & portsm^o & y^t no person or dweller shalbe Left w^thout Goverm^t to y^e westward of Dover bounds or west & by North as s^d Dover bounds doth run tell this Court take furth^r ord^r And y^t Cap^t Rich: Waldren M^r Ric: Cutt & M^r Elias Stileman have Joyntly & Severally magestrattical pow^r granted unto them to act w^thin y^e bounds of either the two s^d townes as matters & cases may p^rsent untill this Court take further ord^r

And whereas this Court hath been Informed y^t there are some persons by theire meetings & consultacions who are disafected to this Goverm^t apt to disturbe y^e peace of y^e place by endeavouring to introduce some other goverm^t & This Court doth ord^r y^t due Notice shall be taken of all & every such ꝑson, & their Names returned to Authoritie there established, that soe due course may be taken by those y^t have magestratticall pow^r to suppress & prevent the same & according to y^e Nature of y^t offence they are required to send such persons to answer here at Boston according to Law:

The Deputyes have past this with refference to the Consent of o^r^ Hono^ed^ Magists hereto
28 : 3^d^ : 1667 William Torrey Cleric.

The magists Consent not hereto
Edw : Rawson Secret'y

yet the magists are willing & doe hereby Judge it meet to Impower Capt Richard Walderne m^r^ Rich : Cutt & m^r^ Elias stileman jointly & severally w^th^ magistrattical power enabling them to act w^th^in the bounds of either the said two Townes* as matters & cases may p^r^sent untill the next Court of Election : theire brethren the Deputies hereto Consenting :
28 may. 67 Edw : Rawson Secret'y

The Deputyes Consent hereto, so as in the 4^th^ line next after the word Townes marked, be added (& all other places included within the Jurisdiction of the Court of Dover & Portsmouth o^r^ Hono^rd^ magists Consentinge hereto
William Torrey Cleric.
Consented to by y^e^ magists Edw : Rawson Secrety

[Grant to Richard Beers.]

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 19, 1664.]

In Ans^r^ to the peticion of Left Richard Beeres : having binn one of the first planters of this Colony & served this Country in their warrs ag^t^ the pecquotts twice &c as is exprest in his petition w^ch^ is on file This Court Judgeth it meete to Graunt him three hundred acres of land where it is to be had free of former Graunts according to lawe

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[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 17, 1673.]

three hundred acres of land belonging to Left Richard Beers Graunted by the Generall Court and Joynes to m^r^ Georg Broughtons land lying neere Dover according to this platt A. B. C. D. A. laid out by m^r^ Richard walderne
The Court Approoves of this Returne—y^e^ plat is on file /

[Grant to Emanuel Downing.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 13, 1651.]

In Answer to the peticion of m^r^ Emanuell Downing ffor the laying out his farme of sixe hundred ackers of land formerly graunted him by this Courte in sattisfaccion of fiffty pounds heertofore paid & laid out by him for the Country, Itt is Ordered that the said six hundred ackers of land be laid out to him by m^r^ w^m^ Howard of Topsfeild and Roger shawe of hampton betweene Hampton and the River mouth of Pascataque at the charge of the said m^r^ Downing Provided the said land specified heerein be not formerly graunted and that it be not p^r^judicial to any plantation Toune or village that heereafter may be errected :/

[Mass. Court Records, May 22, 1651.]

Whereas it appeares by the Records of this Court Numb: 436 that six hundred Acors of Land was graunted to m^r^ Emanuel Downinge which he affirmes was in Consideration of fifty pounds by him disbursed in England, in Answer to his petition It is Ordred that the sd six hundred Acors of land shalbe layd out to him by m^r^ william Howard of Topsfeild & Roger Shaw of Hampton betweene Hampton & the rivers mouth of Pascataque At the Charge of the sd m^r^ Downinge ꝑvided the sd land Specified herein be not formerly graunted & that it be not p^r^judiciall to any plantation towne or village that may hereafter be erected

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[Mass. Court Records, Sept. 10, 1653.]

In Ans^r^ to the peticion of m^r^ Emanuell Downing Itt is Ordered that m^r^ Samuell winsly m^r^ Thomas Bradbury and w^m^ Eastow they or any two of them m^r^ winsly being one shall and heereby are Appointed and Authorized to lay out the farme of six hundred acres formerly graunted him (in sattisfaccion of fiffty pounds heeretofore payd and layd out by him for the Countrie) on the further side of the River neere to Dover bounds being cleere of all graunts.

DUNBARTON.

[Granted by Massachusetts, June 19, 1735, to Capt. John Gorham's men and called *Gorham-town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 17, 1748, to Archibald Stark and others, and called *Stark's-town*. Regranted March 2, 1752. Incorporated as Dunbarton, Aug. 10, 1765, and named for a town in Scotland. A portion of Dunbarton was included in the limits of Hooksett, incorporated July 2, 1822. The line between Dunbarton and Goffstown was established Jan. 7, 1853, and the line between Dunbarton and Weare, July 2, 1853.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 189; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 558; Index to Laws, 157; Early History, addresses by Amos Hadley, 1845, pp. 27; History from the Grant by Mason's Assigns in 1751, to 1860, by Caleb Stark, 1860, pp. 272; Centennial Celebration, 1865, pub. 1866, pp. 124; Dunbarton, Past and Present, by J. B. Connor, 4, Granite Monthly, p. 38; historical sketch Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 291.]

[Mass. Court Records, April 18, 1735, and House Journal, April 17, 1735.]

A Petition of James Kitteridge and a Number of others who were Employed in an Expedition Against Canada under S^{r} William Phips & the sons or Represent^{a} of such of the said Souldiers as are deceased, Praying in Consideration of the Great hardships they Endured and that the Parents of divers of the pet^{rs} were lost in the said Expedition, that this Court would Grant them a Tract of land of Six Miles Square bordering on Suncook Plantation & the Town of Rumford for a Plantation

In the House of Represent^{a} Read and in Answer to this petition —*Voted* That a Tract of land of the Contents of Six Miles Square be laid out for a Township on the West side of Rumford in part and part on the West Side of Suncook, the Whole to be laid out into Sixty three Equal Shares one of which one to be for the first Settled Minister, one to be for the use of the Ministry, and one for the School, that on the other Sixty Shares there be Sixty Settlers Admitted and that in the Admission thereof, preferrence be given to the Pet^{rs} who are desendants of the officers and Soldiers who were lost in the Expedition to Canada in the year 1690 on the same Terms and Conditions as were made for Settling the two new towns on Ashuelet and that at Paquoig, Excepting the Settlers paying five pounds, And that Henry Rolfe Esq: & M^{r} Samuel Chandler with such as the Hon^{ble} Board shall Appoint

be a Committee fully Authorized and Impowred to see the Settlement of the Township brought forward, Admit Settlers, Return a plat of the Township to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation—

In Council Read & Nonconcurr'd

[Mass. Court Records, June 19, 1735, and House Journal, June 18, 1735.]

A Petition of Shubal Goreham Esq^{r} for himself & others that Served in the Comp^{a} of Cap^{t} John Goreham in the Expedition Against Canada in the Year 1690, and the Descendants of such as are deceased praying for the Grant of Land for a Township in Consideration of the hardships they endured in said Expedition or their Ancestors

In the House of Represent^{a} Read & *Voted* that the prayer of the petition be Granted and that Shubal Goreham Esq^{r} and M^{r} Samuel Sturgis jun^{r} together with such as shall be Joined by the Hon^{ble} Board, be a Com^{tee} at the Charge of the Governm^{t} to lay out a Township of Six Miles Square, North of & Adjoyning to the Township Reported on in favour of Sundry petitioners of Salem & Marblehead; and that they Return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation, And for the more Effectual bringing forward the Settlement of the said New Town, *Ordered* that the said Town be laid out into Sixty three equal Shares, one of which to be for the first Settled Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for a School; and that on each of the other Sixty Shares the petitioners do within three Years from the Confirmation of the plan have Settled One Good family, who shall have a house built on his home lott of Eighteen feet Square, and Seven feet Stud at the least, and finished, that each Right or Grant have Six Acres of Land brought to & plowed or brought to English Grass and fitted for Mowing, that they Settle a Learned Orthodox Minister and Build and finish a Convenient Meeting house for the publick worship of *God*; Provided that in case any of the Rights or Lotts are not fully Settled in all Regards as aforesaid, then such Lott with the Rights thereof to Revert to and be at the disposition of the Province—

In Council Read & Concurr'd and Jeremiah Moulton Esq^{r} is Joined in the Affair—

[Mass. Court Records, June 28, 1736.]

In the House of Represent[a] *Ordered* that twelve Months time more be Allowed to the Canada Officers and Soldiers Mentioned in the petition of Subal Goreham Esq[r] as Entred the Eighteenth of June last, to take and Return a plat of their Township they Survey[r] on whom they Depended having faild them;—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 13, 1736–7.]

A Plat of 26,910 Acres of Land, Surveyed by Jerahmeel Cummins Survey[r] and Chain men on Oath 2130 (part thereof) having been Granted to Zacheus Lovewell & 1680 Acres laid out to the proprietors of the Township Granted to Cap[t] William Tyngs Company, which leaves twenty three thousand & forty Acres; beginning at Suncook South West Corner; Running from thence Northerly by Suncook Town line five Miles and one hundred perch to the North West Corner of Suncook Township, and the Corner of Rumford & so on by Rumford town line One hundred & Seventy Rods to the Corner of the Township Granted to Hopkinton petitioners; thence South 34.30 West by said Township Eight hundred & fifty two perch to a Birch tree Mark'd; thence by Province Land South 2:00 East four hundred & twenty Six perch to the North east Corner of Doct[r] Hales Township so Called, and by said Township Six Miles to a white Oak being the South east Corner of said Township; & the North east Corner of Boston Piscataquoag Township, then on the same Course by said Township Six hundred & thirty Nine perch to a heap of Stones thence East by the Needle Six Miles to a pine tree Marked on the Bank of Merrimack River, & so by the River to Suncook Township and by the said Township to the first Station; which is to Satisfy a Grant of a Township made by this Court to Cap[t] John Goreham & others—

In the House of Represent[a] Read & *Ordered* that the plat be Accepted & the lands therein Delineated & described (excepting the Grants within mentioned heretofore made by this Court) be Accordingly Confirmed to the officers and Soldiers in the Company late under the Command of Cap[t] John Goreham dece'd, in the Canada Expedition Anno 1690; And to the heirs Legal Rep-

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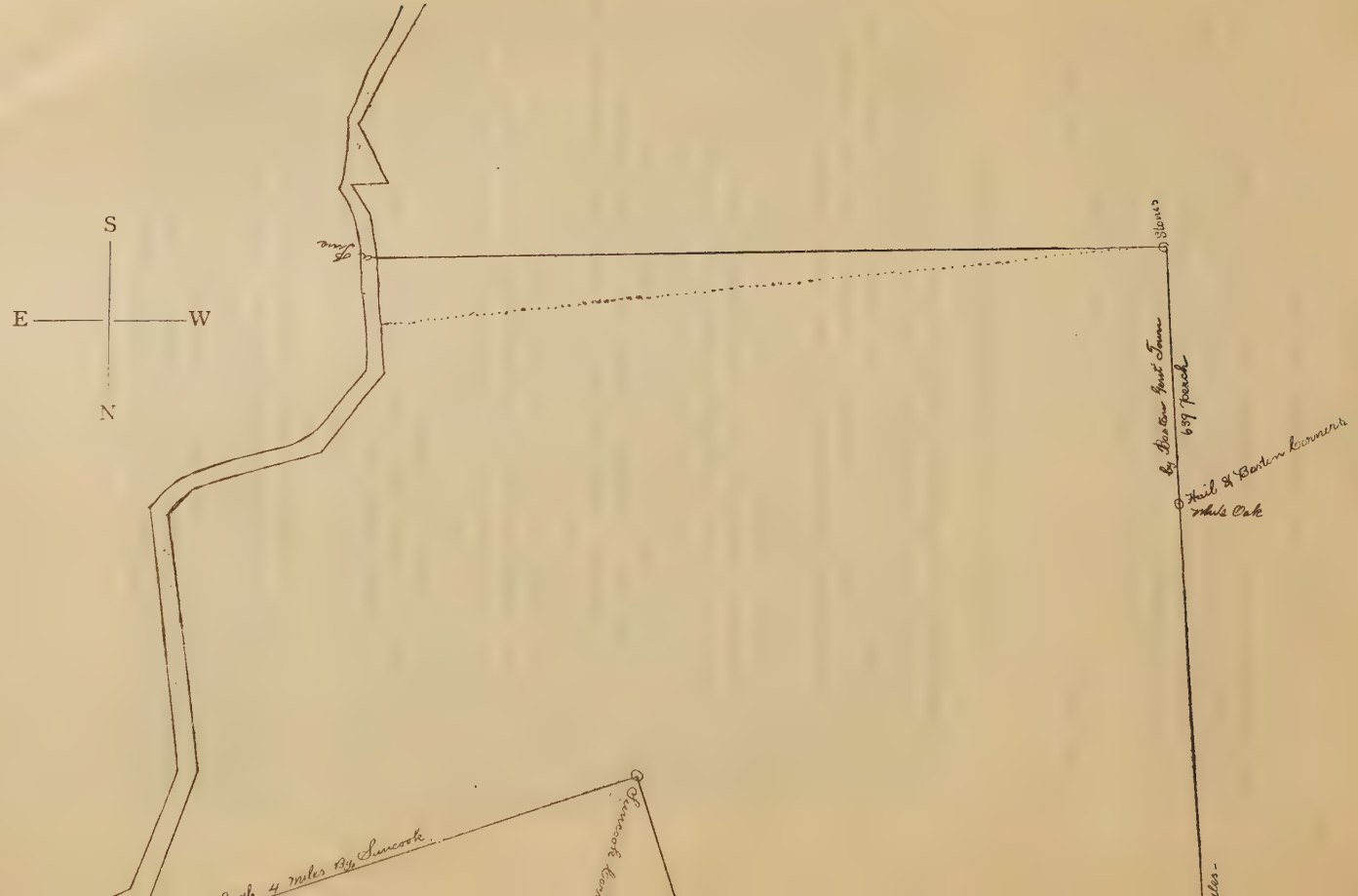
[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 10, pp. 17 and 23.]



In the House of Representatives Janry. 13th 1736 Read and Ordered That the Plat be Accepted & the Lands therein delineated and described (excepting the Grants within mentioned heretofore made by this Court) be accordingly confirmed to the Officers and Soldiers in the Company late under the Command of Capt Jno Goreham deceased in the Canada Expedition Anno 1690 & to the Heirs, Legal Representatives & Descendants of such of them as are since deceased their Heirs and Assigns Respectively for Ever they Performing the Conditions of the Grant to all Intents & Purposes, Provided the Plat Exceeds not the Quantity of Twenty Six thousand Nine hundred & ten Acres of Land & does not interferre with any other & former Grant as well those within Mentioned as any other

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Quincy Spkr

In Council Janry. 13th 1736
Read & Concurred

Simon Frost Dept Secry

Feb.y 1st 1736 Consented to

J Belcher

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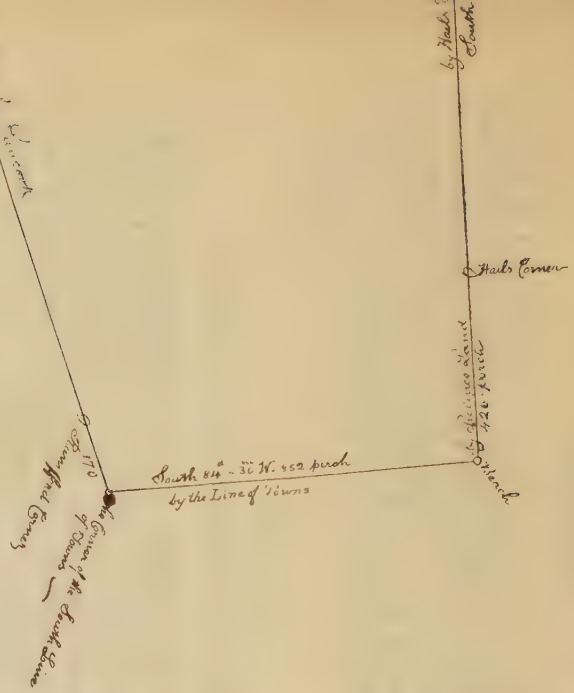

This is a Plan of Twenty Six Thousand Nine hundred & ten Acres Two Thousand one hundred & thirty part thereof granted to Zacheus Lovwell & others as also one Thousd Six hundred & Eighty Acres Surveyed & laid out to ye Proprietors of a Township granted to Capt Wm Tyng & Compa part thereof wch leaves Twenty three Thousd & forty Acres & is Bounded thus Begining at Suncook South West Corner from thence Northerly by Suncook Town line five Miles & one hundred perch to the North West Corner of sd Suncook Township & ye Corner of Rumford so on by Rumford Town line one hundred & Seventy Rods to ye Corner of ye Township granted to Hopkinton Petrs from thence South 84d 30 Minutes West by sd Township 852 Perch to Beach Tree Marked from thence by Province Land South 2d east 426 Perch to ye North East Corner of Doctr Hails Township so Called from thence South 2d East By sd Township Six Miles to a White Oak Tree ye South East Corner of sd Township & ye North East Corner of Boston Piscataquag Township from thence on the same Course 639 perch by sd Boston Township to an Heap of Stones from thence East by the Needle Six Miles to a Pine marked on Merrimack River Bank so bounded by ye River to Suncook Township & by ye sd Township from the River to ye first Bounds Mentioned as pr ye Lines here delineated pr a Scale of 212 Perch to an Inch lay'd out this 25th of Decr 1736 wth ye Assistance of Zacheus Lovewell & Thos Colburn as Chainmen to Satisfye a Grant made to Capt Jno Goreham & others

Jerathmeel Cumings Surveyor
Simon Frost Dep. Secry

A true Copy Examined

resent[a] & Descendants of such of them as are Since deceased, their heirs and Assignes Respectively forever; they performing the Conditions of the Grant to all Intents and purposes; provided the plat Exceeds not the quantity of Twenty Six Thousand Nine hundred & ten Acres of Land & does not Interfere with any other or former Grant as well those within mentioned as any other

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 13, 1736–7.]

A Plat containing twenty six thousand nine hundred and ten Acres of Land inclusive of two thousand one hundred and thirty Acres formerly granted to *Zecheus Lovewell* and others, as also one thousand six hundred and eighty Acres surveyed and laid out to the Proprietors of *Old Harry Town* so called, by *Jerathmeel Cummings* Surveyor and two Chain-men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court of *June* 1735, to the Officers and Soldiers &c of the Company under the Command of the late Capt. *John Gorham* deceased, in the *Canada* Expedition *Anno* 1690, beginning at *Suncook* South West Corner, thence Northerly by said Town five Miles one hundred Perch to the North West Corner of that Township granted to *Hopkinton* Petitioners, thence South eighty four gr. thirty m. West by said Township, eight hundred fifty two Perch to a Beach Tree marked, thence by Province Land South two gr West four hundred twenty six Perch, to the North East Corner of Dr. *Hales* Township so called, thence South two gr East by said Township six miles to a white Oak Tree the South East Corner of said Township and the North East Corner of *Boston Piscataquiag* Township and on the same Course, thence six hundred thirty nine Perch by said *Boston* Township to a heap of Stones, thence East by the Needle six miles to a Pine marked on *Merrimack River* Bank, and so by the River to *Suncook* Township, and by that Township to the first bounds mentioned; was presented for allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be and hereby is accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described (excepting the Grants within mentioned heretofore made by this Court) be accordingly confirmed to the Officers & Soldiers in the Company late under the Command of Capt *John Gorham* deceased, in the *Canada* Expedition *Anno* 1690, and to the Heirs legal Representatives & Descendants of such of them as are since

deceased, their Heirs and Assigns respectively for ever they performing the Conditions of the Grant to all Intents and Purposes, provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of twenty six thousand nine hundred and ten Acres of Land, and does not interfere with any other or former Grant, as well those within mentioned as any other.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 2, 1736–7.]

In Council Voted that Shubal Goreham Esq^{r} be Impowred and directed to Assemble the Grantees of the Township Granted to the Soldiers under the Command of Cap^{t} John Goreham in the Canada Expedition in 1690, in such place and at such time as he shall think fit, then to Chuse a Moderator & proprietors Clerk to Agree Upon Rules Methods and Orders for the Division and Disposal of the Said Propriety in the Most proper Methods for the Speedy fulfillment of the Conditions of their Grant and Agree Upon Methods for calling future Meetings.

In the House of Represent^{a} Read & Concurr'd—
Consented to J Belcher

DUNSTABLE [NASHUA].

[This was a part of the Old Dunstable grant made by Massachusetts Oct. 16, 1673. Incorporated April 1, 1746. "One Pine Hill," belonging to Dunstable, was annexed to Hollis Dec. 13, 1763. The farms of Daniel Merrill and Ebenezer Jacquith were taken from Dunstable and annexed to Hollis, May 14, 1773. The name was changed to Nashua Dec. 8, 1836.

See New Hampshire charters following: IX, Bouton Town Papers, 193, 397, 416; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 622; Index to Laws, 158; Scrap of History Relating to Hollis and Dunstable, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, p. 57; History of the Old Township of Dunstable, by Charles J. Fox, 1846, pp. 278; Bi-Centennial Celebration, 1873, pub. 1878, pp. 189; Historical Sketch of West Dunstable, by Charles S. Spaulding, 10, Granite Monthly, p. 165; sketch of Nashua, by John H. Goodale, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1886, p. 139.]

[*Charter of Old Dunstable, 1673.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 232.]

To the Honoured Govern^{r} Dep^{t} Gover^{r} with the Magis^{ts} and Dep^{tes} now assembled in the Gen^{ll} Court at Boston Sep^{t} 15th 1673

The Petition of the proprietors of the farmes that are laid out upon Merrimack River and places adjacent; with others who desire to joyne with them in the settlement of a plantation there

Humbly Sheweth that whereas there is a Considerable tract of the Countrie land that is environed with the proprietyes of perticular persons and townes (viz) by the line of the towne of Chelmesford, and by Grauton line and by M^{r} Brentons farme; by Sowhegen farmes: And beyond Merrimack River by the outermost line of Henery Kemballs farme and so to Chelmesford line againe all which is in little Capacity of doeing the Countrye any service Except the farmes bordering upon it, be adjoyned to the said land to make a plantation there: And there being a considerable number of persons who are of a Sober and orderly conversation that doe stand in great need of accommodacions who are willing and reddy to make pu^{r}sent improvement of the said vacant Land: And the proprietors of the said farmes are therefore willing to joyne with, and give incouragem^{t} to those that shall improve the said Land The farmes of themselves that are with in the tract of Land before discribed containe about fourteene thousand acres at the Least

Yo^{r} Petitiono^{r}s therefore humbly request the favour of this honoured Court that they will please to grant the said tract of Land to yo^{r} Petitioners and to such as shall joyne with them in the settlement of the land afforementioned so that those who have already improved their farmes there and others also who speedyly intend to doe the like: may be in away for the enjoyment of the publiq ordinances of god: ffor with out which the greatest part of the yeare they will be deprived of: the farmes lyeing so far remoat from any townes: And farther that this Honoured Court will please to grant the like immunities to this plantacion as they in their favours have formerly granted to other new plantacions: So shall yo^{r} Petitiono^{r}s be ever engaged to pray &c.

Tho^{s} Edwards	Tho^{s} Wheeler sen^{r}	Peter Bulkeley
John Parker	John morse jr	Samuell koms

James Parrker jr
Nath Blood
Zabenia Long:
Joseph wheler
John Turnor
William Lakin
Robert Procter
Josiah Parker
Rob^{t} Parris
Tho: Brattle
James Parkersen
Sampson Sheafe
Abraham Parker
Simon willard
Joseph Parker
John Jollife
Jonathan Tyng
Robert Gibbs
Samuel Scarlett
James knopp

The magists Judge it meet to Grant the peticoners Request herein Provided that a farme of five hundred acres of upland & meadow be layd out of this tract for the publick use & that they so proceed in settling y^{e} plantation as to finish it once wth in three years & procure & maintayne an able & orthodox minister amongst them: the magis^{ts} have past this their brethren the Deputyes hereto Consenting

16 october 73 Edward Rawson Secret'y

The Deputyes Consent hereto

William Torrey Cleric

[Mass. House Journal, June 28, 1732.]

A Petition of Capt. *Robert Fletcher* and sundry others of the Town of *Dunstable* on the East side the River *Merrimack* praying that that part of the Town may be set off a distinct Township agreable to the Town Vote of the first of *March* 1730, 1. and that they may not loose their proportionable parts of Land belonging to the Inhabitants, and that the Lands of the non-resident Proprietors on the East side the River may be subjected to the Ministerial Charge in the Town prayed for. Read and *Ordered*, That the prayer of the Petition be so far granted as that the Lands on the East side *Merrimack* in the Town of *Dunstable* be set off a distinct Township, and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 29, 1732.]

A Petition of Robert Fletcher & others Inhabitants of the Town of Dunstable on the Easterly side of the River praying that they may be set off a distinct Township agreeable to the Vote of the

Town pass'd the first of March 1730 that they may have their proportion of Lands belonging to the Inhabitants and that they may be impowered to tax the Lands of the Non Residents on y^t^ side of the River towards the Ministerial Charges—

In the House of Represent^ves^ Read & Ordered that the prayer of the petition be so far granted as y^t^ y^e^ lands on the East Side of Merrimack River in the Town of Dunstable be sett off a distinct Township & that y^e^ petition^rs^ have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly—

In Council Read & Concur'd—

Consented to J Belcher.

[Mass. House Journal, Nov. 9, 1732.]

Francis Foxcroft Esq ; brought down a Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting all the Lands on the Easterly side of the River* Merrimack, *belonging to the Town of* Dunstable *into a Township by the Name of* ——— Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *Novemb. 8th*, 1732. Read. *9th* Read a second time, and pass'd to be Engross'd.

Sent down for Concurrence Read a first time.

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 10, 1732.]

The Bill entitled An Act for erecting all the Lands on the Easterly side of the River Merrimack belonging to the Town of Dunstable into a Township by y^e^ Name of ———

In Council read a second Time & pass'd to be Engross'd.

[Mass. House Journal, Nov. 10, 1732.]

A Bill Entitled, *An Act for Erecting all the Lands on the Easterly side of the River* Merrimack, *belonging to the Town of* Dunstable, *into a Township by the Name of* ——— Read a second and a third time, and pass'd a Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Nov. 14, 1732.]

An Engross'd Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting all the Lands on the Easterly side of the River* Merrimack, *belonging to the Town of* Dunstable, *into a Township by the Name of* ——— Read and *Resolved*, That the Bill pass to be Enacted.

[Mass. House Journal, June 28, 1734.]

A Petition of Capt. *Joseph Blanchard* in behalf of himself and the rest of the Committee for the Town and Proprietors of *Dunstable*, praying that a Committee of some suitable Persons may be appointed to run the Lines of the Township of *Dunstable*, including *Nottingham*, where the same joins to the unappropriated Lands of the Province, that the marks may be renewed, and that new ones may be raised, and marked where the old ones are down, or that such order may be taken in the Premises as to the Court shall seem meet. Read and *Ordered*, That *John Wainwright*, *William White*, and *Charles Church*, Esqrs; with such as the honourable Board shall join, be a Committee (any Three of whom to be a Quorum) in the name and behalf of this Province, to join with such Committee as shall be appointed and fully authorized by the Town and Proprietors of old *Dunstable* inclusive of *Nottingham*, to perambulate and renew the Line within mentioned, and make report to this Court with their doings herein as soon as may be.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 29, 1734.]

A Petition of a Com^{tee} for the Town and proprietors of Dunstable praying That this Court would Appoint some Suitable persons to Run the lines of the said Town including the Town of Nottingham where they Join to the Province Land and Renew the marks and make New Ones where the Old Marks are lost that so the bounds may be Clearly known.—

In the House of Represent^{a} Read & *Ordered* That John Wainwright Will^{m} White and Charles Church Esq^{rs} with such as the Hon^{ble} Board shall Join be a Com^{tee} (any three of whom to be a Quorum) in the name and behalf of this Province to Join with such

Com^tee as shall be Appointed and fully Authorized by the Town and proprietors of Old Dunstable inclusive of Nottingham to perambulate and Renew the line within mentioned and make Report to this Court of their doings thereon as soon as may be

In Council Read & Concurr'd and Samuel Thaxter and William Dudley Esq^rs are Joined in the affair—

Consented to J Belcher—

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 26, 1734.]

The Committee of both Houses Appointed to Renew Dunstable line &c gave in the following Report Viz^t—

The Com^teeAppointed the 28^th of June last to Renew the line of old Dunstable, where the same Joins to the Unappropriated Lands of the Province, have attended that Service & Report thereon as follows viz^t. We began at the Stump of a pine tree the Reported bounds of Dunstable Dracutt & Methuen, which had been formerly marked with the letter F the Tree fallen down which stood in Sight of Bever Brook; from thence we Ran a Course two Degrees Westward of the Northwest to Merrimack River The Bounds from the Stump we Renewed by heaving Stones about it from thence we new marked a pine from thence to an Old Marked Pine so Renewed the Marks on the aforesaid Course Severall Trees being Antiently marked with the Letter F to Merrimack River which we Renewed and marked with D on the Westerly Side & M on the Easterly: On the West side of Merrimack River we begun at a place Called Dram cup hill on the North west Corner of Charlestown School Farm at Souheag River and Ran from thence a South point by the Needle finding many old Marks and Renewing the same & were the old marks were down made new ones and we lettered many of them with D M, coming by the Westerly end of Muscatanapus pond and so Continued the same Course till it intersected the Northerly line of Townshend which is submitted By Your Excellencys & Honours most obed^t Servants

Sam^l Thaxter
Jn^o Wainwright
Charles Church

In Council Read & Accepted
In the House of Represent^s Read & Concurr'd
Consented to J Belcher

[*Petition of Inhabitants of Dunstable and Groton to Be Made a Separate Township, 1738.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 268.]

To His Excellency Jon[a] Belcher Esq[r] Captain General and Governour in Chief &c The Hon[ble] the Council and House of Rep[tives] in General Court Assembled at Boston November the 29[th] 1738—

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants and Proprietors of the Towns of Dunstable and Groton—Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioners are Situated on the Westerly side Dunstable Township and the Northerly side Groton Township those in the Township of Dunstable in General their houses are nine or ten miles from Dunstable Meeting house and those in the Township of Groton none but what lives at least on or near Six miles from Groton Meeting house by which means your petitioners are deprived of the benefit of preaching, the greatest part of the year, nor is it possible at any Season of the year for their familys in General to get to Meeting under which Disadvantages your pet[rs] has this Several years Laboured excepting the Winter Seasons for this two winters past, which they have at their Own Cost and Charge hired preaching amongst themselves which Disadvantages has very much prevented peoples Settling land there—

That there is a Tract of good land well Situated for a Township of the Contents of about Six miles and an half square bounded thus, beginning at Dunstable Line by Nashaway River So running by the Westerly side said River Southerly One mile in Groton Land, then running Westerly a Paralel Line with Groton North Line, till it comes to Townsend Line and then turning and running north to Grotton Northwest Corner, and from Grotton Northwest Corner by Townsend line and by the Line of Groton New Grant till it comes to be five miles and an half to the Northward of Groton North Line from thence due east, Seven miles, from thence South to Nashua River and So by Nashua River Southwesterly to Grotton line the first mentioned bounds, which described Lands can by no means be prejudicial either to the Town of Dunstable or Groton (if not Coming within Six miles or thereabouts of either of their Meetinghouses at the nearest place) to be taken off from them and Erected into a Seperate Township—

That there is already Settled in the bounds of the aforedescribed

Tract near forty familys and many more ready to come on were it not for the difficulties and hardships afores[d] of getting to Meeting—These with many other disadvantages we find very troublesome to Us, Our living So remote from the Towns We respectively belong to—

Wherefore your Petitioners most humbly pray Your Excellency and Honours would take the premisses into your Consideration and make an Act for the Erecting the aforesaid Lands into a Seperate and distinct Township with the powers priviledges and Immunities of a distinct and Seperate Township under Such restrictions and Limitations, as you in your Great Wisdom Shall See meet—

And Whereas it will be a great benefit and Advantage to the Non resident proprietors owning Lands there by Increasing the Value of their Lands or rendering easy Settleing the Same, Your Pet[rs] also pray that they may be at their proportionable part according to their respective Interest in Lands there, for the building a Meeting house and Settling a Minister, and so much towards Constant preaching as in your wisdom Shall be thought proper—

Settlers on the afores[d] Lands—

Will[m] Colburn	Stephen Harris	Tho[s] Dinsmoor
Peter Pawer	Abr[m] Taylor Jun[r]	Benj[a] Farley
Henry Barton	Peter Wheeler	Robert Colburn
David Vering	Philip Woolerick	Nath[l] Blood
William Adams	Joseph Taylor	Moses Proctor
Will[m] Shattuck	Tho[s] Navins	Obadiah Parker
Josiah Blood	Jerahmal Cumings	Eben[r] Pearce

Non-Resident Proprietors.

Samuel Browne	W Browne	Joseph Blanchard
John Fowle Jun	Nath Saltonstall	Joseph Eaton
Joseph Lemmon	Jeremiah Baldwin	Sam[l] Baldwin
Daniel Remant	John Malven	Jon[a] Malven
James Cumings	Isaac Farwell	Eben[r] Procter

In Council January 4[th] 1738—

Read again and Ordered that the further Consideration of this Petition be referred to the first tuesday of the next May Session And that James Minot and John Hobson Esq[rs] with Such as the Honourable Board shall joine be a Committee at the Charge of the petitioners to repair to the Lands petitioned for to be Erected into a Township first giving Seasonable notice as well to the peti-

tioners as to the Inhabitants and Non Resident Proprietors of Lands within the s[d] Towns of Dunstable and Groton of the time of their going by Causing the Same to be publish'd in the Boston Gazette, that they Carefully View the s[d] Lands as well as the other part of the s[d] Towns, so farr as may be desired by the Partys or thought proper, that the Petitioners and all others Concerned be fully heard in their pleas and Allegations for, as well as against the prayer of the Petition; and that upon Mature Consideration on the whole the Committee then report what in their Opinion may be proper for the Court to do in Answer thereto—
Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp[kr]

In Council Jan[ry] 9[th] 1738

Read and Concurred and Thomas Berry Esq[r] is joined in the Affair—

Simon Frost Dep[ty] Sec[ry]

Consented to J Belcher

A true Copy Exam[d] Simon Frost Dep[t] Sec[ry]

[*Report of Committee on Foregoing Petition, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 272.]

The Committee Appointed on the Petition of the Inhabitants and Proprietors Situated on the Westerly side of Dunstable and Northerly side of Groton, Having after Notifying all parties, Repaired to the Lands, Petitioned to be Erected into a Township, Carefully Viewed the Same, Find a very Good Tract of Land in Dunstable Westward of Nashaway River and between s[d] River and Souhegan River, Extending from Groton New Grant and Townsend Line Six Miles East, Lying in a very Commodious Form for a Township, And on said Lands there now is about Twenty Families, and Many More Settling, that none of the Inhabitants live nearer to a Meeting House then Seven Miles and if they go to their own Town have to pass over a ferry the greatest part of the Year. We also Find in Groton a Sufficient Quantity of Land Accommodable for Settlement, and a Considerable Number of Inhabitants thereon, that in Some short Time when they are well Agreed may be Erected into a District Parish; And that it will be very inconvenient to Erect a Township in the Form prayed for or to Break in upon Either Town. The Committee are of Opinion that the Petitioners in Dunstable are under

such Circumstances as necessitates them to Ask Releif which will be fully Obtained by their being made Township, Which if this Hon^ble Courtt should Judge necessary to be done; The Committee are Further of Opinion that it Will be greatly for the Good and Interest of the Township that the Non Resident Proprietors, have Liberty of Voting with the Inhabitants as to the Building and Placing a Meeting House, and that the Lands be Equally Taxed, towards said House And that for the Support of the Gosple Ministry among them the Lands of the Non Resident Proprietors be Taxed at Two pence per Acre for the Space of Five Years.

All which is Humbly Submitted in the Name & by Order of the Committee.

Thomas Berry

In Council July 7 1739

Read and ordered that the further Consideration of this Report be referred to the next Sitting, and that the Petitioners be in the meantime freed from paying any thing toward the support of the ministry in the Towns to which they respectively belong.

Sent down for Concurrence J Willard Sec'ry

In the House of Rep^tives June 7: 1739

Read and Concurred J Quincy Sp^kr

Consented to, J Belcher

In Council Decem^r 27, 1739.

Read again and Ordered that this Report be So far Accepted as that the Land mentioned and described therein, with the Inhabitants there be erected into a Separate & distinct precinct, and the Said Inhabitants are hereby vested, with all Such Powers & Privileges that any other Precinct in this Province have or by Law ought to enjoy and they are also impowered to assess & levy a Tax of Two pence per Acre per Annum for the Space of Five Years, on all the unimproved Lands belonging to the Non resident Proprietors to be applied for the Support of the Ministry according to the Said Report.

Sent down for Concurrence Simon Frost Dep^t Sec^ry

In the House of Rep^tves Dec^r 28, 1739

Read and concur'd J Quincy Sp^kr

Janu^a 1: Consented to, J Belcher

[*Petition of Richard Warner and Others, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 274.]

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives of Said Province, in General Court Assembled, Dec–12th 1739—

The Petition of Richard Warner and Others, Inhabitants of the Towns of Groton and Dunstable. Most Humbly Sheweth.

That Your Petitioners dwell very far from the place of Public Worship in either of the said Towns, Many of them Eight Miles distant, some more, and none less than four miles, Whereby Your Petitioners are put to great difficulties in Travelling on the Lords Days, with our Families—Your Petitioners therefore Humbly Pray Your Excellency and Honours to take their circumstances into Your wise and Compassionate Consideration And that a part of the Town of Groton, Beginning at the line between Groton and Dunstable where it crosses Lancaster River, and so up the said River until it comes to a Place called and known by the name of Joseph Blood's Ford Way on said River thence a West Point 'till it comes to Townshend line &c. With such a part and so much of the Town of Dunstable as this Honourable Court in their great Wisdom shall think proper, with the Inhabitants Thereon, may be Erected into a separate and distinct Township, that so they may attend the Public Worship of God with more ease than at present they can, by reason of the great distance they live from the Places thereof as aforesaid.

And Your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, shall ever Pray, &c—

Richard Warner	Benjamin Swallow	William Allin
Isaac Williams	Ebenezer Gilson	Ebenezer Peirce
Samuel Fisk	John Green	Josiah Tucker
Zachariah Lawrence Junr	William Blood	Jeremiah Lawrence
Stephen Eames	(Inhabitants of Groton) 13	

Enoch Hunt	Eleazer Flegg	Samuel Cumings
William Blanchard	Gideon Houe	Josiah Blood
Samuel Parker	Samuel Farle	William Adams
Philip Wolrich	(Inhabitants of Dunstable) 10	

In the House of Reptves Decr 12th 1739
Read and Sent up.

J Quincy Spkr

In Council Decem^{r} 14, 1739.

Read & Ordered that the Petitioners Serve the Towns of Dunstable & Groton with Copy's of the Petition that they respectively Shew Cause if any they have on Wednesday the Twenty sixth Currant if y^{e} Court be then Sitting if not on y^{e} first Tuesday of y^{e} next Session why the Prayer thereof Should not be granted.—

Sent down for Concurrence — Simon Frost Dep^{t} Sec^{ry}

In the House of Rep^{tves} Dec^{r} 14, 1739.

Read and concur'd — J Quincy Sp^{kr}

15: Consented to, — J Belcher

[*Consent of Certain Inhabitants of Dunstable to New Township, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 277.]

Wee the Sub^{rs} Inhab^{ts} of y^{e} Town of Dunstable & Residence in that part of it Called Nissitisitt Do hereby Authorize and Fully Impower Abraham Taylor Jun^{r} and Peter Power to Represent to Gen^{ll} Court our unwillingness that any Part of Dunstable Should sett off to Groton to make a Township or Parrish and to Shew forth our Earness Desire that a Township be made intirely out off Dunstable Lands Extending Six miles North from Groton Line which will Bring the on the Line on y^{e} Brake of Land and Just Include the Present Setlers: or otherwise As y^{e} Hon^{ll} Commitee Reported and Agreeable to the tenour thereoff as The Hon^{le} Court Shall See meet and as in Duty bound &c

Dunstable Dece^{r} y^{e} 21st 1739

Tho^{s} Dinsmore	Joseph whitcmb	Jonathan malven
Will^{m} Adams	William Nevins	Moses Prctor
Jame Whiting	James Mc:Daniels	Rundall Mc:daniels
Joseph Mc.Daniels	William Colburn	Stephen Harris
Robert Colborn	Peter wheeler	David Nevins
Tho^{s} Navins	Nath^{ll} Blood	Willum Shattack
Joshua Walch	Henry Berten	Jerath Cumings

These may Sertifie to y^{e} Hon^{l} Court that there is Nomber of Eleven more y^{t} has not Signed this Nor y^{e} Petetion of Richard Worner & others) that is now Setled and About to Setle

[*Answer to Richard Warner's Petition, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 278.]

Province of the } To His Excellency The Governour The
Massachusetts Bay } Hon^{ll} Councill & House of Rep^{tives} in Gener-
all Court Assembled Dec^{r} 1739

The Answer of y^{e} Subscribers agents for the Town of Groton to y^{e} Petition of Richard Warner & others praying that part of Said Town with part of Dunstable may be Erected into a Distinct & Seperate Township—

May it please your Excellency & Hon^{r}

The Town of Groton Duely Assembled and Taking into Consideration y^{e} Reasonableness of Said Petition have Voted their Willingness That the prayer of y^{e} Petition be Granted as ℔ their vote herewith humbly presented appears, with this Alteration Namely That they Include the River (viz^{t} Nashua River) over w^{ch} is a Bridge, built Intirely to Accomodate Said Petitioners heretofore, & your Respondents therefore Apprehend it is but Just & Reasonable the Same should for the future be by them Maintain'd if they are Set of from us

Your Respondents Pursuant to y^{e} Vote Aforesaid humbly move to your Excellency & Hon^{rs} That no more of Dunstable be Laid to Groton Then Groton have voted of, for one Great Reason that Induced Sundry of y^{e} Inhabitants of Groton to come into Said Vote was This Namely They owning a very Considerable part of the Lands Voted to be Set of as afores^{d} were willing to Condesend to y^{e} Desires of their neighbours Apprehending that meeting House being Erected on or near y^{e} Groton Lands & a minister Settled it would Raise their Lands in Vallue but should a Considerable part of Dunstable be set of more then of Groton it must of Course draw the Meeting House farther from y^{e} Groton Inhabitants w^{ch} would be very hurtfull both to the people petitioners & those that will be Non Resident proprietors if the Township is made

wherefore they pray That Said New Township may be Incorporated Agreeble to Grotons Vote vizt made Equally out of both Towns & as in duty bound shall Ever pray

Nat^{hll} Sartell
william Lawrance

[*Vote of Dunstable Inhabitants, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 280.]

Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dunstable Regularly Assembled at Dunstable on fryday the 21st day of December 1739

Unanimously Voted that none of the lands in Dunstable be sett off to Joyn with Groton to make a Seperate Township—

Also Voted that Eleazer Tyng & Joseph Blanchard Esqrs Messrs John French John Kendall & Abram Taylor Junr be a Comtee Desired & fully Impowered Joyntly & Severally, to Reply And make Answer to the Petition of Some of the Inhabitants of Dunstable And Groton Petitioning to be made a Seperate Township as entered ye 12th Currt And to Shew reason why the prayer therof Ought not to be granted

a true Copy Extracted from ye Votes of sd meeting

Attt Joseph Blanchard Town Cler

[*Vote of Groton Inhabitants, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 281.]

At a Legall town meeting of the Inhabitants & freeholders of the town of Groton assembled December ye 24th 1739

voted and Chose Capt William Lawrance Modderator for Said meeting &c:—

In Answer to the Petion of Richard warnor & others voted that the Land with the Inhabitance mentioned in Said Petion Including the River from Dunstable Line to ye ford way Called and Known by ye Name of Joseph Bloods ford way: be Set of from the town of Groton to Joyn with Sum of the westordly Part of the town of Dunstable to make a Distinct and Sepprate town Ship Provided that their be no: More taken from Dunstable then from Groton in macking of Said new town—

Also voted that Nathaniel Sawtell Esqr and Capt William Lawrance be Agiants In the affair or Either of them to wait upon the Great and Generial Cort: to use their Best inDeaver to Set off the Land as aforesd So that the one half of ye Said new town may be made out of Groton and no: more:

Abstract Examined & Compaird of the town book of Record for Groton ℔

Jona^{h} Sheple Town Clark

Groton Decem^{br} 24th A : D : 1739

[*Remonstrance against a New Township, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol 114, p. 282.]

Province of y^{e} Mass^{tts} Bay } To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq^{r} Gov- } ernour &c To The Hon^{l} His Majesty's Councill & House of Representatives in Gen^{ll} Court Assembled December 1739—

Whereas Some few of the Inhabitants of Groton & Dunstable have Joyned in their Petition to this Hon^{l} Court to be erected with Certain Lands into a Township As ℔ their Petition entered the 12th Curr^{t} which prayer if granted will very much Effect y^{e} Quiet & Interest of the Inhabitants on the northerly part of Groton

Wherefore the Subscribers most Humbly begg leave To Remonstrate to y^{e} Excellency & Hon^{rs} the great & Numerous Damages that wee and many Others Shall Sustain if their Petition Shou'd be granted and would Humbly Shew—

That the Contents of Groton is ab^{t} forty Thousand Acres Good Land Sufficient & happily Situated for two Townships, And have on or near Two Hundred & Sixty Family's Setled there with Large Accommodations for many more—

That the land pray'd for Out of Groton Could it be Spared is in a very Incommodious place, & will render a Division of the remaining part of the town Impracticable & no ways Shorten the travil of the remotest Inhabit^{nts}—

That it will leave the town from the northeast end to the Southwest end at least fourteen miles and no possibillity for those ends to be Accommodated at any Other place w^{ch} will render the Difficulties we havelong Laboured under without Remidy—

That part of the lands Petitioned for (will when This Hon^{l} Court Shall see meet to Divide us) be in & near the Middle of one of y^{e} Townships—

And Althô the number of thirteen persons is there Sett forth to Petition.—it is wrong and Delusive Severall of them gave no Consent to Any Such thing And to Compleat their Guile have

entered the names of four persons who has no Interest in that part of the town viz Swallow Tucker Ames & Green That there is near Double the number On y^e^ Lands Petit^d^ for and Setled amongst them who Declare Against their Proceedings. & here Signifie the Same That many of us now are at Least Seven miles from Our meeting And the Only Encouragement to Settle there was the undeniable Accommodations to make An Other town without w^ch^ we Should by no means have undertaken—

That if this their Pet^n^ Shou'd Succêd—Our hopes must Perrish—thay by no means benifitted—& we put to all the Hardships Immaginable. That the whole tract of Land thay pray may be Taken Out of groton Contain about Six or Seven Thousand Acres, (the Quantity And Situation may be Seen on y^e^ plan herewith And but Ab^t^ four Or five hundred Acres therof Owned by the Peti^rs^ And but very Small Improvements On that—Under all w^ch^ Circumstances wee Humbly Conceive it unreasonable for them to desire thus to Harass and perplex us. Nor is it by Any means for the Accommodation of Dunstable thus to Joyn who have land of their Own Sufficient and none to Spare without prejudicing their begun Settlement Wherefore we most Humbly pray Y^e^ Excellency & Hon^rs^ to Compassionate—Our—Circumstances And that thay may not be Sett off And as in Duty bound &c

Benj^a^ Parker	John Woods	Josiah Sartell
Samuel Shattuck jn	Joseph Spoaldeng juner	James Larwance
Jonathan Shattuck	Nath^ll^ Parker	James Shattuck
John Chambrlen	Jacob Lakin	John Cumings
Thomas Fish	Henery gebes	Isaac Lakin
David Shattuck	John Shattuck	Seth Phillips
John Scott	Samuel Wright	Benj^a^ Robines
John Swallow	Isaac Woods	William Spoalding
Enoch larwance	Jonathan woods	John Blood
wiliam Cumings	James Green	Nathaniel Lawrence jr
	Joseph Blood	

[*Consent of Certain Dunstable Inhabitants to New Township, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 285.]

Province of y^e^ Massachusetts Bay New England } To His Excellency Jon^a^ Belcher Esq^r^ Gov^r^ &c the Hon^l^ his Majes^ty^ Council & House of Representatives in Gen^ll^ Court Assembled December 26: 1739

Wee the Subscribers Prop^rs^ of Lands in the Township of Dunstable at and near Nissitisset wou'd hereby Signifie to Y^or^ Excellency & Hon^rs^ Our Desire and Consent that the Lands there may be Erected into a Distinct and Seperate township According to the tenour and form of the Report made by the Gen^ll^ Courts Com^tee^ Appointed to view the Circumstances of that Place & As in Duty bound &c

Joseph Blanchard	John kendall	Isaac Farwell
Oliver Farwell	Ben: Farwell	John Fowle Jun^r^
Joseph Phillips	Jos: French	Jos Whitcomb

John Rush by order Joseph Wise

Dunstable Decem^r^ y^e^ 22^d^ 1739.

These May Certify Whom it may Concern y^t^ I Whose Name is hereunto Subscribd Notwithstanding our Names are in y^e^ Petition of Richard Worner & others Inhab^ts^ of Groton & Dunstable that we Never Signed nor were Concenting nor by any meens Gave order for y^e^ Same

his
Will^m^ CO Adams
mark

[*Remonstrance of Certain Dunstable Inhabitants, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 286.]

Province of y^e^ Massachusetts Bay } To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq^r^ Governour &c To The Hon^l^ his Majes^tys^ Council & house of Representatives in Gen^l^ Court Assembled December y^e^ 26 1739

Whereas Some few of the Inhabitants of Dunstable And Groton at and near Nissitissett (so Called) have Joyned in their Petition to this Hon^l Court, as entered the 12^th Curr^t Praying that Certain Lands in Groton together with part of Dunstable may be erected into a township—

Wherefore Wee the Subscribers being Authorized thereunto by The Town of Dunstable most Humbly beg Leave to remonstrate, the greate Difficulties And hardships (should their request be granted) it wou'd put us to——

first—Because the Lands in Dunstable (as reported by the Com^tee of this Hon^l Court, who went to view) are in a Sutable & Commodious form to be a Seperate Township And good Land Sufficient to make a Compact & good Town And so Situated that Should the Southerly part be taken off to groton it would render it Improbable for many of the Inhabitants now Settled there and those who will hereafter—which many is prepareing to do, ever to be Accommodated to Any Other meeting—

And Althô the Original Grant of Our Township Included a Large Quantity of Land, Yet greatest part therof was in farms before—nor had the grantees or Settlers very Little Benfit by any Excepting what Lyes in the Said tract at Nissitissett; in all Other parts the Lands was mean And Slips Left amongst the farms all the good Lands on Merrimack Nashua & Souhegan Rivers and almost All Other good Spots, was before granted (Excepting what Lay there) so that very Considerable part of Our first Divisions has been Lay'd Out at and near the s^d Nissitissett.—

The Remoteness of those lands And the Lamentable Experience of the Danger of Indians Compelled us (in Order to Comply with y^e terms of Our grant, to buy the farms on Merrimack where we are now Settled, And Althô Our Town has been thus Settled this Sixty years Our Families & Estates we may say has usually Served for a yearly Sacrifice for the Heathen—

That the Lands at and near Nissitissett which was all the benefit we Could promis Our Selves; at so Dear a price, has now a fair prospect If we may not be hack't by Other Towns, when we can Settle those Lands (which has for Some time made Considerable Progress) in some very Small degree make up for our former Sufferings. but if half a township Should be Sett to Groton Our hopes would prove Abortive And Our gains Immaginary for very Considerable part of our Interest there. (which Our more then forty Years hardships in this wilderness has procured & those Lands never Accomodated to Any Other place And Altho the

Contents in Dunstable is more then Six miles North And South. Yet ther's not more than that Distance from Groton line that can Admitt of Settlement, And Come that way by Reason of Mountainous & Barren Lands As by a Com^tee of Dunstable was Observed to the Hon^l Com^tee who went to view (when On the Spot) and a Further view Insisted on unless Groton, And the peti^rs would Alow & own, which they readily did—And that in Laying out our Lands we Suted our Division for the making a township wholly in Dunstable And the present Inhabitants Are Settled there Accordingly under that Expectation Nor is there Any one Nonresident prop^r whose Gen^ll Interest it wou'd be to have Any Off our Lands Joyned to Groton nor reason to Suspect it, unless Some wrong Suggestions has been made, and then twou'd only Touch the ears of those who never Saw the place

When y^e Com^tee before ment^nd was On y^e Spot the nonresident Prop^rs had been Duly Notified, And many of them by them Selves or Agents Appeard And Signified their unwillingness And the Disadvantage it wou'd put them Under to be Joyned to Groton——

And Wee beg Leave farther Humbly to Shew That thay have pretended the Names of ten persons in Dunstable to that Peti^n w^ch is unfair And A Sham, for Some of them Never Consented to Any Such Request As ℔ Certificates herewith, And two more of them has not One peneworth of Real Estate in Dunstable, viz^t Gideon Houe & Phillip Olerick (or) Wolrick, the S^d Gideon being a minor And only transiently there his Guardian nor Relations has no Interest in that part of the town nor knew of his Name being thus Used. by them in Any Peti^n——

And had thay thus Increased their numbers Still. it would have Served for but A mere Amusement——

The Whole Quantity of Lands Owned by them all in Dunstable Amounts to but About five Hundred Acres w^ch is not more then the fortieth part.——

And tho thay have been pleased to Sett forth Samuel Parker as One of the Inhabitants of Dunstable, tis making their work all of a peice for their is no Such Inhabitant in the Town nor ever was

And upon the whole we Humbly Conceive their Request to be altogether unreasonable. And that if desining men are thus ℔mitted to force their Scheems & Perplex their neighbours without Any Umbrage or Shadow for what thay do 'twill give us Continual trouble—

Wherefore we most humbly pray Your Excellency & Hon^rs to take the premises into Your wise Consideration And that No part

of the Lands in Dunstable may be Sett of to Groton And As in Duty Bound Shall ever pray—

Eleazer Tyng
Joseph Blanchard
John french
John kendell
Abraham Taylor Jun^{r}
} Com^{tee}

DURHAM.

[Petitioned to be set off from Dover as a parish by the name of *Oyster River*, May 27, 1669. Incorporated as Durham, May 15, 1732. Lee was set off and incorporated Jan. 16, 1766. The south line of the town was established June 19, 1818. A portion of Durham was severed and annexed to Newmarket, July 2, 1870.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 234; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 566; Index to Laws, 159; Life of John Sullivan, by Thomas C. Amory, 1868, pp. 320; Memoir of Ebenezer Thompson, by Mary P. Thompson, 1886, pp. 86; sketches of history, 5, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, p. 129; sketch, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 616.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 31, 1660.]

In Ans^{r} to the peticion of the Inhabitants of Oyster River It is Ordered that majo^{r} Atherton Joyne wth Capt^{n} Wiggens in keeping the next County Court at strawbery bancke & Yorke. And that he wth the rest of the Comissioners Joyned wth him for examining & setling the respective Interests & rights of M^{r} ffoxwell Jourdan & Phillips, doe heare examine & determine the matter in difference betwene Dover & oyster River and that all parties Concerned therein doe Attend the same at Strawberry bancke at the aforesaid Court, and that any three of the Comissioners Majo^{r} Atherton being one be Impowred to act in all the premisses./

[Mass. Court Records, May 19, 1669.]

In Ans^{r} to the petition of the Inhabitants of Oyster River. The Court, by y^{eir} Comittee having heard y^{e} petitioners wth what Capt Walderne Alleadged in behalfe of Dover, that that Toune is not

Informed of this motion & by perusing many papers presented in the case together w^th^ what is granted & yeilded on both hands It is hopefull there may be an agreement & Setlement of things betwixt themselves w^ch^ this Court Comends to them Judging it best that they should jointly agree upon termes w^ch^ may be most advantagious to each other & for publick good and for that end Judge it meet to respit the case till next sessions of this Court when what they shall Agree upon may be confirmed by this Court or in case of non agreement the petitioners to give notice in due season to their neighbours & brethren of their Intendmts further to prosecute this motion of being a Touneship at the next sessions of this Court that so they may have an oppertunity to make answer thereto

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[*Petition of Oyster River to Be Made a Township, 1669.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 10, p. 104.]

To the much honoured Generall Court of the Massachusets assembled at Boston May 19: 1669: the humble petition of the inhabitants of oyster River is as followeth:

The consideration of your prudent and pious care for the carrying on, the main end of planting this colonie, in the setling religion, and promoting the welfare of souls in everie part of it subject to your goverment, doth imbolden us (who are also in some measure sensible of the great end we came into the world for, the advancement of the glorie of god in our own salvation) to present this humble address unto your selves: It is not unknown to some of you that the inhabitants of Dover (of whom for the present we are a part) manie years since, taking into consideration the intolerable inconvenience of our travail, manie miles, part by land, part by water manie times by both, to the publick worship of god, and the necessarie stay of manie of us from publick worship, who cannot undergo the difficulties of travail to it, it was then publickly agreed and concluded, that there should be two ministers at Dover the one in oyster River, the other at Dover neck, as appears by a town act, bearing date the fourteenth of the fifth fiftie one, the means of calling and maintaining both which are one, yet while we continue with them there is noe power improved on our behalfe, to that end, nor have we anie of our selves, whereby we have a long time, and at present groan under intollerable inconveniences,

our ministrie being greatly weakened, yea and hazarded thereby having neither head, nor hand, to move in order to calling when without, or setling and mantaing when obtained, and it being so difficult for us to attend civill meetings there that often most of us cannot be there, whence we are in danger to be neglected, or not so taken care of, nor our affairs so well provided for as if we were a township of our selves, we being in all two hundred and twentie souls, near fiftie families, seventy and od souldiers, a convenient number of free men, humbly request this honoured Court to grant us that so benificiall a priviledge of becoming a township with such bounds, as have been alreadie granted us, or shall be thought meet by this honoured Court, and for this end we have sent John woodman an inhabitant among us and give him power to join anie with him, as he shall see meet for y^e^ managing of this our petition, and prosecution of our further reasons; committed to him, should this honoured Court whose care we know extendeth to us among the rest of this colonie, vouchsafe us a favourable answer to this request where as as now our hearts and hands are weakened, in the work, provision for the ministrie standing at a stay, the old and young in families too much neglected others of good use who would join with us discouraged, untill wee become a township, some readie to leave us if things stand as they doe, we trust upon your grant you would soon finde our number increasing, our hearts and hands strengthened in the work of god, our care more vigorous for an able orthodox minister, our families instructed according to law, our selves growing in truth and peace to gods glorie, our content, and your good, and we shall not cease to pray to god almightie for a blessing upon you in all your weightie concerns and subscribe our selves yours in all humble observance

John Bicford.
William Beard.
Charles Adams.
Nicolas Doe.
John : Medar
Thomas : Edgerlie :
Davie : Daniell
Zacharias Field
Edward : lethers
Teag : Royall :
Joseph : Stimson :
James Huckins
James : Thomas :
Richard yorke.
Robert : Burnam :
Steven Jones.
vid : Elizabeth : Drew :
Thomas : Willie
William : Perkinson :
Thomas : Drew :
John : Goddard :
William : Randall :
Salathiel : Denbow :
John Smith
Robert : Watson :
Walter : Jacson :
John : Davis.
Phillip : Chesly.
Walter Matthews.
John Woodman
John. Hill.
Benjamin : Matthews :
Joseph : Field :
Matthew : williams :
William Pitman
Bernard. Pope.
James : Smith :
Patricke : Jenison :
Francis : Drew :

Having heard the Petitioners, w^th^ what aleadged by Cap^t^ Waldrene in y^e^ behalfe of Dover, That, that Towne is not informed of this Motion. And by ꝑusing many Pages ꝑsented in y^e^ case, together w^th^ what is granted & yeilded on both Lands, we have grounds to hope, there may be an agreem^t^ & settlem^t^ of things betwixt y^m^selves, w^ch^ we commend to y^m^, Conceiving it best that they should Jointly agree upon tearmes, y^e^ w^ch^ may be most advantagious to each other & for Publike good: & for y^t^ end Judge it meete to respit y^e^ case till next sessions of this Court, when what they shall agree upon may be Confirmed by this Court, or in case of Non agreem^t^, These Petitioners to give notice in due season to theire Neighbours & bretheren of their Intendm^t^ further to ꝑsecute this Motion of being a Township at the next sessions of this Court that so they may have opportunity to make answer thereto

May 25, 1669: John Pynchon :/
Edw : Johnson
William. Parker

The Deputyes approve of the returne of the Committee in answer to this pet^n^ O^r^ Hono^rd^ magis^ts^ consenting hereto
William Torrey Cleric.

27 May 1669 Consented to by y^e^ magists
Edw : Rawson Secret'y

FITZWILLIAM.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Monadnock No.* 4, Jan. 15, 1752, to Roland Cotton and others. Regranted May 2, 1765, to Col. Sampson Stoddard and others, and sometimes called *Stoddard's-town*. Incorporated as Fitzwilliam, May 17, 1773, and named in honor of the Earl of Fitzwilliam. A portion of this town was included in the limits of Troy, incorporated June 23, 1815. The line between Fitzwilliam and Rindge was established June 17, 1847.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 670; Index to Laws, 190; historical sketch Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 200; History, from 1752 to 1887, by John F. Norton, 1888, pp. 829.]

[Mass. House Journal, May 28, 1731.]

Ezekiel Lewis Esq; brought down from the Honourable Board, a Petition of *Joseph Putney* and sundry others, in behalf of themselves and other Inhabitants and Proprietors of Land lying between

the Colony-Line & *Oxford*, praying, That the Inhabitants and Lands therein mentioned, may be erected into a seperate and distinct Township, agreeable to the Boundaries set forth in the Petition, for Reasons mentioned. Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council, *May* 28. 1731. Read, and

Ordered, That the Petitioners serve the Town of *Oxford* with a Copy of this Petition, that so they may shew Cause (if any they have) on the first *Fryday* of the next Session of this Court, why the Prayer thereof should not be granted.

Sent down for Concurrence. Read and Concurred.

GOFFSTOWN.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Narragansett No.* 4, Feb, 9, 1733–4. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 3, 1748, to Rev. Thomas Parker, of Dracut, Mass., and others. It was also called *Shove's-town*. Incorporated as Goffstown, June 16, 1761, and named for Col. John Goffe. The charter was renewed April 5, 1763. A portion of the town was combined with parts of Dunbarton and Chester to make up the town of Hooksett, July 2, 1822. Some islands in Merrimack River were annexed June 20, 1825. Isaac Parker's farm was severed from New Boston and annexed June 18, 1836. The line between Dunbarton and Goffstown was established Jan. 7, 1853. A portion of Goffstown was annexed to Manchester, July 1, 1853.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 306; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 25; Index to Laws, 209; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1886, p. 303.]

[Mass. House Journal, May 27, 1726.]

A Petition of *John Sargent*, and others, praying for a Grant of a Tract of Land at *Amaskeeg-Falls* on *Merrimack-River*, as Entred the 14*th.* of *April* last, and referred to this Session. Read and referred to the next Session for further Consideration.

[Mass. House Journal, June 15, 1732.]

A Memorial of *Benjamin Woodbridge* and *Thomas Arnold* for themselves and Associates, praying that their former Petition for a

Grant of a Tract of Land at a Place called *Amaskeeg Falls* on *Merrimack River* for a Township may be revived. Read and *Ordered*, That the Petition lie on the Table.

[Mass. House Journal, Nov. 24, 1732.]

A Petition of *Benjamin Woodbridge* and *Thomas Arnold* for themselves and as Agents for sundry Inhabitants of *Newbury*, *Haverhill*, *Almsbury*, and *Salisbury*, praying for a Grant of a Tract of Land on the Westerly side of *Merrimack River* at a Place called *Amaskeeg-Falls* of the Contents of about Seven Miles square, whereon to make a Township for the Reasons mentioned. Read and *Ordered*, That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and that *John Chandler* and *Edward Goddard*, Esqrs; and Mr. *Samuel Chandler* be a Committee to prepare some proper Vote for regulating the Township, and report thereon.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 6, 1732.]

Major *Chandler* from the Committee appointed the 24*th*. ult. on the Petition of *Benjamin Woodbridge* and others for a Township made report, which was read and accepted, and in Answer to the said Petition, *Ordered*, That there be and hereby is granted to the Petitioners a Tract of Land of seven Miles square at the place petitioned for, and to be laid out as follows, *viz*. to begin at the North East Corner of the *Narraganset* Town laid out at *Souhegan*, and to extend the North bounds of said Town to *Merrimack River* and from the North east corner of said *Narraganset* Town to extend Westward bounding North on said Town, so as to make seven miles in the whole from *Merrimack River* aforesaid, and then to extend Northwest seven miles, and to bound easterly on said River, and from the extent of seven miles northerly to extend Westerly a parallel line with said *Narraganset* Town till the complement be made up, said Tract of Land to be laid out by a Surveyor and Chainmen under Oath, a Plan thereof to be returned to this Court at their next *May* Session for confirmation, the said Land by them to be settled on the Conditions following, *viz*. that they within the space of four Year from the confirmation of the

Plan have on the spot eighty Families, each settler to build a good convenient dwelling House one story high, eighteen feet square at the least, and fence clear and bring to fit for improvement four acres, and three acres more well stock'd with english Grass, and also lay out three shares throughout the Town each share to be one eighty third part of the said Tract, one of said Shares to be for the first settled Minister, one for the Ministry and one for the School; and also build a convenient Meeting House, and settle a Learned and Orthodox Minister within the term aforesaid; and that there be reserved for the use of the Province 40 Acres of Land adjoyning to *Amaskeeg-Falls* for the benefit of fishing, *viz.* fifty rods above and fifty rods below the Falls, and to extend Westward from the River sixty four perch.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 8, 1732.]

A Petition of Benjamin Woodbridge & One Hundred & Nineteen others praying for a Grant of Land of Seven miles square at a place called Ameskeog Falls on Merrimack River for Settling themselves or their Children thereon on such Conditions as this Court shall judge fit—

In the House of Represent^{ves} Read & in Answer to this Petition *Ordered* that there be & hereby is Granted unto the Petition^{rs} a Tract of Land of Seven miles Square at the place petition'd for & to be laid out as follows—viz—To begin at the Northwest Corner of the Narragansett Town laid out at Sohegan & to Extend to the North Bounds of s^{d} Town to Merrimack River, & from the North East Corner of s^{d} Narraganset Town to extend Westward, Bounding North on s^{d} Town, so as to make Seven Miles in the whole from Merrimack River afores^{d} & then to Extend Northward Seven Miles, & to Bound Easterly on s^{d} River, & from the Extent of Seven miles Northerly to Extend Westerly a Parallel Line with the said Narragansett Town till the Compliment be made up; Said Tract of Land to be Laid out by a Survey^{r} & chain Men on Oath a Plan thereof to be returned to this Court at their next May Session for Confirmation, The s^{d} Land by them to be Settled on the following Conditions viz. that they within the Space of four Years from the Confirmation of the Plan have on the Spot Eighty Families, each Settler to build a good convenient Dwelling House one Story high, Eighteen feet Square at the least & fence, clear

& bring to fit for Improvem^{t} four Acres, & three Acres more well stock'd with English Grass, & also lay out three Shares, thro'out the Town, Each Share to be one Eighty third part of s^{d} Tract, One of the s^{d} Shares to be for the first Settled Minister, One for the Ministry & one for the School, & also build a Convenient Meeting House & Settle a learned Orthodox Minister within the Term aforesaid And that there be reserved for the use of the province, forty Acres of Land, adjoining to Ameskeog Falls for the Benefit of fishing, Viz. fifty rods above & fifty rods below the Falls, & to Extend Westward from the River Sixty four Perch—

In Council Read & Non Concur'd.

[Mass. House Journal, Feb. 9, 1733–4.]

One other Plat laid out to the *Narraganset* Grantees called by them the Township Number four laid out on *Merrimack River*, of the contents of six Miles square, exclusive of fifty acres allowance for the use of the Fishery at *Amaskeeg Falls*, and three thousand and seventy acres for poor Land and Ponds, in the whole twenty-six thousand one hundred and sixty acres, beginning at a Pitch Pine Tree standing on the westerly side of *Merrimack River* at the foot of *Annahooksett Falls* on *Suncook* Line. Read and *Ordered*, That the Platt be accepted, and that the Lands set forth and described in the within Plat of the Township Number four be and hereby are confirmed unto one hundred and twenty of the original Grantees their heirs and assigns, *viz.* that Society of them of which Mr. *Edward Shove* and others were appointed a Committee for regulating the said Township Number four, so called at a general Meeting of the *Narraganset* Grantees in *Boston* the sixth day of *June* last, as by the Grantees Votes and Orders may appear, provided the Plat contains no more than the quantity of Land within mentioned, and that there be reserved such a quantity of Land at the fishing place at and near *Amaskeeg Falls* so called, as may be thought by this Court convenient for the respective Inhabitants of the Province for taking making and packing Fish there, for which these Grantees are to be allowed an Equivalent, provided also that it does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Feb. 13, 1733–4.]

Ezekiel Lewis, Esq ; brought down the Petition of the *Narragansett* Township Number *Four*, with the Vote of the House of yesterday thereon, Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *Febr.* 12*th.* 1733. Read and unanimously non-concur'd, and the Board insist on their own Vote, in as much as there is so large an allowance already made in the Plat, and the Grantees will be greatly advantaged by the Fishery. Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and concur'd with an Amendment, *viz.* in the room of the Amendment of the honourable Board, add, *provided, the Lands to be separated for the publick and common use of the Fishery on the West side the River exceeds not the quantity of* one hundred acres, *exclusive of the* fifty acres *within mentioned*, and the House insist on the Vote as now amended.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 26, 1733–4.]

A Plat of a Township for the Narraganset Soldiers of the Contents of six miles square, & fifty acres allowed for the Fishery at Ameskeag Falls, & Three thousand & twenty acres for poor land & Ponds ; the whole being 26160 Acres ; Beginning at a Pitch Pine Tree standing on the Westerly side of Merrimack River at the foot of Hannakooksy Falls being on Suncook Line & running on Suncook Township four miles West 17°.00 South to a white Pine Tree being the Southwest Corner of Suncook ; then running West, four miles & forty rods on a Township on the West of Suncook & Penicook laid out for the Narraganset Soldiers to a Heap of Stones, & then running South, five miles & one hundred & forty rods on Province Lands to a white Pine Tree, being the North west Corner of the said Narraganset Township on Merrimack River, & then running on said Township six miles & one hundred & ten rods to Merrimack River, then on Merrimack as said River runs eight miles & one Hundred & forty five rods, to the Pitch Pine Tree where it first began.

In the House of Represent^ves Read & *Ordered* that the Plat be accepted, & that the Lands set forth & described in the within Plat of the Township Number Four be & hereby are confirmed unto One hundred & twenty of the original Grantees their Heirs & Assigns ; viz, that Society of them, of which M^r Edward Shove

& others were appointed a Committee for regulating the said Township Number Four, so called, at a general Meeting of the Narragansett Grantees in Boston the sixth of June last, as by the Grantees Votes & Orders may appear, Provided the Plat contains no more than the quantity of Land within mentioned; & that there be reserved a Quantity of Land at the Fishing Place at or near Ameskeag Falls, as may be thought by this Court convenient for the respective Inhabitants of the Province for taking, making & packing of Fish there, Provided the Land so to be separated for the publick & common Use of the Fishery on the West side of the River, exceeds not the Quantity of One Hundred Acres, exclusive of the Fifty Acres allowed as within mentioned, Provided also that it does not interfere with any former Grant

In Council; Read & Concur'd;——

Consented to, J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 3, 1735.]

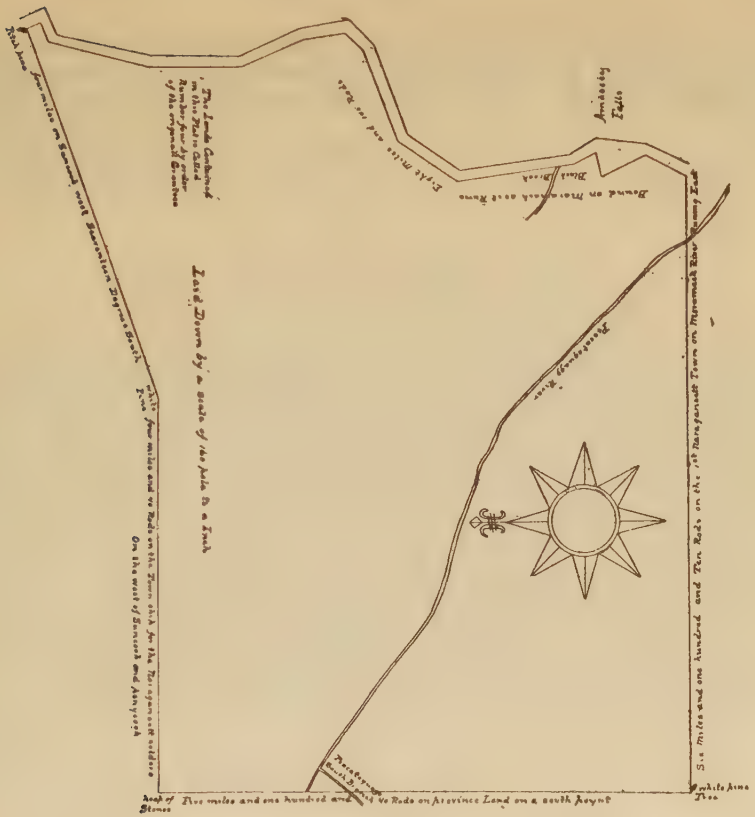
On the Petition of *William Bradbury* Esq; *Elias Pike Jacob Stevens*, and many others of *Salisbury* and *Almsbury*, praying for a Grant of Lands on the Westerly side of *Merrimack River* upon *Piscataquoiag River* so called, which was read and accepted, and the House came into a Vote for a Township of the contents aforesaid, at or near the place petitioned for, on the same Conditions of Settlement with the former.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 16, 1735, and House Journal, Dec. 11, 1735.]

A Petition of John Foster & Edward Shove in behalf of the Grantees of the Tract of Land Granted to the Narragansett Soldiers, which lies at Ameskeeg on the West side of Merrimack River Shewing, that upon their Viewing the Said Land, in Order to their laying it out into Lotts, they found it so poor & barren, as to be Altogether Uncapable of making Settlements; and therefore praying that they may have Liberty to quit it & take up the said Grant in Some other province land—

In the House of Represent[a] Read & *Ordered* that the prayer of the petition be Granted, & the pet[rs] are hereby allowed & impow-



This Plan Discribeth a Tract of Land Laid out for the Naragansett Solders Being the Second Town Ship for Said Solders Laid out on Maramack and Contains the Contents of Six miles Square and fifty acres Allowance for Fishery at amasceeg falls and Three Thousand and Twnty acres allowed for Poor Land and Pond. In the whole plan is 26160 acres bounded as folowes. Begining at a pitch pine Standing on the westerly Side of Maramack River at the foot of Hannah Hookses falls Being in Suncook Line and Runing on Said Suncook Town Ship four miles West Seventeen Degrees South to a white pine tree being the Southwest Corner of Suncook then Runing West Four miles and 40 Rods (on a Town Ship on the west of Suncook and penycook Laid out for the Naragansett Solders) to a heap of Stones) then Runing South Five miles and one hundred and fourty Rods on province Land to a white pine Tree being the North west Corner of ye 1st Naragansett Town on Maramack River then Runing on Said Town Ship Six miles and one hundred and Ten Rods (East) to Maramack River then on Maramack as Sd River Runs Eight miles and 145 Rods to the pitch pine Tree at the foot of Hannah Hookses falls before mentioned

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℔ Stephen Hosmer Jun Surveyor

red to look out for one other Tract of land for a Township, & Exchange for the S[d] Township Number four, & Return a plat thereof at their own Cost to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—
Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 7, 1736.]

A Petition of *John Foster* in behalf of a Committee of the Proprietors of the *Narragansett* Township, formerly laid out at *Amaskeeg Falls*, called Number *Four*, shewing that in Consequence of an Order of this Court, pass'd the 11*th.* of *December* 1735, to Mr. *Edward Shove* and himself a Committee as aforesaid, they have been at considerable Expence in searching for Lands whereon to make a second Pitch in lieu of the former, and have finally laid out a tract of Land on the Branches of *Swift River* at a place called *Quobbin* in Part, and eleven thousand thirty eight Acres to compleat their Grant they have platted on the West of *Hatfield* Town, praying the Lands contained in the said two Plats may be confirmed to the said *Narragansett* Proprietors in satisfaction of their Grant, for the reasons mentioned. Read and the Question was put, *Whither the prayer of the Petition shall be granted?*

It pass'd in the Negative.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 21, 1736.]

The House entred into the Consideration of the private or particular Petitions for Lands; and on a motion made and seconded by divers Members thereon, *Ordered*, That the Lands set forth and described in the Plat of the Township called Number *Four*, at or near *Amaskeeg Falls* on *Merrimack River*, exclusive of former Grants of Lands in the said Plat, be and are hereby separated to satisfy such Grants as shall be made to be taken up out of said Lands after which several of the said private Petitions were read and considered, and some whereof were by the House granted and allowed to have a share in the Lands set forth in said Plat Number *Four*, and others dismiss'd.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 22, 1736.]

Then the House entred further into the Consideration of the Petitions of particular Persons for Lands, some of whom were admitted into the *Narragansett* Township Number *Four*, according to the Plat at *Amaskeeg Falls*, and others dismissed.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 12, 1736–7.]

The House having gone through the Consideration of the private Petitions for Lands, passed the following Vote on those admitted into the *Narragansett* Township Number *Four* so called near *Amaskeeg Falls viz.* In answer to the Petitions of *John Checkley*, *Asher Rice*, *John Stackpole*, *Joseph Bartlet*, *Benjamin Quinby*, *Isaac Parker*, *Ebenezer Haywood*, *John Munroe*, *John Smith*, *William German*, *Eleazer Davis*, *Richard Tozer*, and *Caleb Conant:*

Ordered, That the said Petitions be so far granted as that the Petitioners have leave by a Surveyor and Chain-men on Oath to survey and lay out four thousand seven hundred forty five Acres of the Province Land North of and adjoining to the *Narragansett* Town Number *Five* the whole Length of said Town, and to bound Eastward on *Merrimack River*, the North bounds thereof to be parallel with the North bounds of said *Narragansett* Town, and return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation, each Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to be intitled to have and enjoy equal Shares, or One thirteenth part thereof; the first Division or Home Lotts to be laid out in a proper and defensible manner, and the future and after Divisions to be laid out as the Grantees or the major part of them at a regular Meeting assembled for that purpose shall agree upon; provided the said Grantees do respectively within the space of three Years from the confirmation of the Plat build a dwelling House of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least on his Home Lot and clear and fence in five Acres thereof, and well stock the same with English Grass or subdue it by plowing planting or sowing the same, and have a Family settled in said House within the said term of three Years, and that each of said Grantees give Bond to the Province Treasurer, or his Successors in the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* for the performance of the Conditions of his Grant, and in case any of the

Grantees shall neglect to comply with the Conditions aforesaid, such Grantees Right or Share in said Land shall revert and belong to the Province as tho this Grant had not been made.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Grants to William Lund.]

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 17, 1734, and House Journal, Dec. 5, 1734.]

A Petition of William Lund shewing that in the Year 1724, being in the Service of the Province he was taken by the Indian Enemy and Carried into Captivity where he Suffered Great hardships and was obliged to pay a Great price for his Ransom and his Estate was much hurt & deminished in his Absence; Therefore praying for some allowance from this Court, in Consideration of his Losses & Sufferings—

In the House of Represent[a] Read & in Answer to this petition,—*Ordered*, that the pet[r] have leave by a Surveyor & Chainmen on Oath to Survey and lay out four hundred Acres of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province on the Westerly side of Merrimack River, Adjoining to one of the Narraganset Towns and Return a Plat thereof to this Court within Twelve months for Confirmation to the Pet[r] his heirs and Assignes forever, on Condition that the Pet[r] his heirs or Assignes bring forward the Settlement of two familys on the Granted premisses in all Respects as to Manner and time that the Narragansett Grantees or Familys are obliged to Settle their Grants—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 3, 1736–7.]

A Plat of four hundred Acres of Land laid out by James Cummings Surveyor and Chainmen on Oath, to fulfill a Grant made by the General Court to William Lund; the said land lying a Cross Piscataqwag River; being bounded as follows viz[t] beginning at the North East Corner of the Township laid out to John Simpson and others; thence Runing East 2 deg. North one hundred & Sixty Rods to a Chesnutt tree marked, then South 3 deg.

East four hundred Rods to a white pine tree Marked; then West two Deg. South One hundred & Sixty Rods to said Township Line and a Stake and Stones; thence on said line to the bounds first mentioned—

[Maps and Plans, Vol. II, p. 3, House Journal Jan. 26, and Court Records, Feb. 3, 1736–7.]

In the House of Representatives Jan^{ry} 26. 1736.

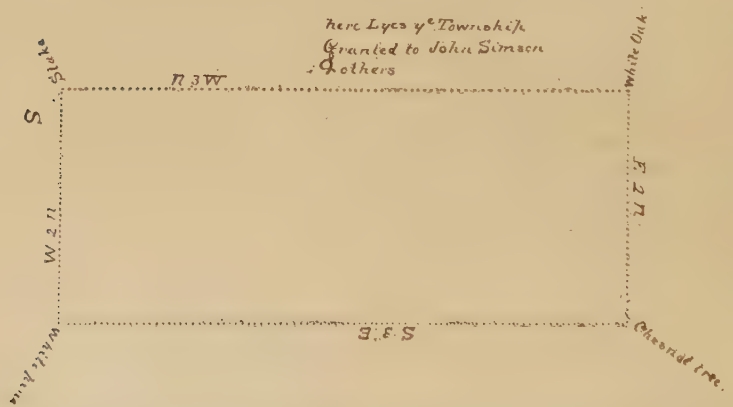
Read and Ordered That the plat be Accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are Confirmed to the said William Lund his Heirs and Assigns for Ever he or they performing the Conditions of the Grant provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of ffour hundred Acres of Land and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^{kr}

In Council Feb^{ry} 3^{d} 1736.

Read & Nonconcur'd Simeon Frost Dep^{y} Sec^{ry}

[Mass. Maps & Plans, Vol. II, p. 3.]



I the Subscriber together with Jerahmuel Cumings & William Heath as Chainmen Have Measured Surveayed & Laid out unto William Lund of Dunstable by vertu of a Grant Made by the Grat & General Cort foure hundred Acres of Land Lying a Cros Pescataquag River so Called Bounded as follows begining at the

Northeast Corner of a Township Laid out to John Simson & others Then runing East two degrees north one hundred & Sixty Rod to a Chesnut tree Marked then the Line turns & Runs South three degrees East foure hundred Rod to a white pine tree Marked then the Line turns & Runs West two degrees South one hundred & Sixty Rod to S^{d} Township Line & a Stake and Stones & from thence on s^{d} Township Line to the Bounds first Mentioned being y^{e} Corner of S^{d} Township as May be Seen prict on this plan this 23 day of october. 1736

Survayed ℔ James Cumings

Jerathmiel Comings personally apeared and made oath before me the subscriber that he together with William Heath as Chainmen and James Comings Survayer Measured And Surveyed foure hundred Acres of Land Adjoyning on the easterly side of a Township Granted to John Simson & others begining at the Northeast Corner of said Township and so extending foure hundred Rod on the east side of Said Township runing a Cros Pescataquag River being half a Mild In Wedth & is don according to my Best Skill & Judgment

Suffolk ss December 3^{d} Jurat Coram me

Samuel Sewall J Pacis

[Maps and Plans, Vol. II, p. 4.]

William Heath personally Appeared and Made oath before me the Subscriber that he together with Jerathmiel Comings as Chainmen and James Comings Survayer Measured And Survayed foure hundred Acres of Land Adjoyning on the easterly side of a Township Granted to John Simson & others begining at the northeast Corner of Said Township and so Extending foure hundred Rod on the east Side of Said Township from s^{d} Corner a Cros pescataquag River being half a Mild wide and is don according to my best Skill & Judgement

Essex. ss— Joshua Bayley Jus: Peace

Decem^{r} y^{e} 9th 1736

James Comings personally Apeared and Made Oath before me the subscriber as Survayer together with Jerathmiel Comings and William Heath as Chainmen measured & Survayed foure hundred Acres of Land Adjoyning on the easterly side of a Township Granted to John Simson & others begining at the Northeast Corner of Said township and so extending foure hundred Rod on the

east Side of Said Township runing a Cros Pescataqueg River being half a Mild in Wedth & is don According to my best Skill & Judgment

Jurat Coram me Samuel Sewall J Pacis

Suffolk ss December 3d 1736

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. II, p. 13.]

I the Subscriber together with Benjamin Smith and Thos Lund as Chainmen have layd out to Mr Willm Lund of Dunstable (Pursuant to a grant Made him by the greate & Genll Court XR 1734) four hundred Acres of the unapropriated lands of the province on the Westerly Side Merrimack River adjoyning to the Narragansit township No. 5. so Call'd) Lying About one mile and three Quarters from Merrimack River Joyning South by the sd Narragansit township else where by Province Land the Bounds Course and length of line as ℔ ye figure annexed Lay'd Down in a Scale of Sixty perch to an Inch ℔ me James Cumings Surveyr

May ye 31th 1737

[Reverse]

Middlesex ss Dunstable June the first 1737.

personally appearing before me the Subscriber one of his Majesties Justices of the peace Jame Cumings Surveyor & Benjamin Smith & Thos Lund Chainmen and made Oath that in Surveying and measureing a Tract of four hundred Acres of ye unapropriated Lands of ye Province for Mr Willm Lund, Agreeable to the plan herewith they Acted faithfully and Impartially in each of their trust

Jurat Coram me Joseph Blanchard

[Mass. Court Records, June 22, 1737, and House Journal, June 10, 1737.]

A Plat of four hundred Acres of Land, laid out by James Cummings Surveyr and Chainmen on Oath, to fulfill a Grant made by this Court to William Lund lying on the Westerly Side of Merrimack River Adjoining to the Narragansett Town Number five, about One Mile and three quarters from the River Joining South by the said Narragansett Town elsewhere on Province land—

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 13, House Journal, June 10, and Court Records, June 22, 1737.]

In the House of Representatives June 10th 1737

Read and Ordered that the plat be accepted and the Lands therein delineated and described be & hereby are confirmed to the said William Lund his heirs and assigns for ever; provided he or they perform the Conditions of the Grant and that the plat exceeds not the quantity of Four Hundred Acres of Land and does not interfere with any former Grant. Sent up for Concurrence

J Quincy Spkr

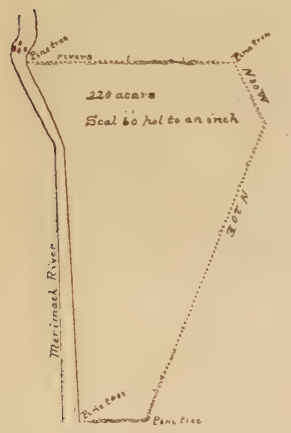
In Council June 23 1737 Read & Concurd

Simon Frost Dept Secry

July 1 Consentd

J Belcher

[Mass. Arch., Vol. 46, p. 68.]



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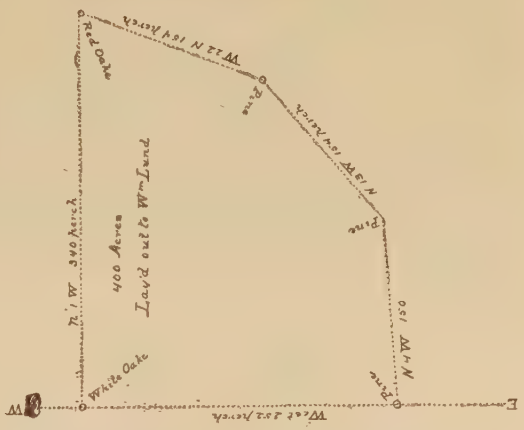

[Grant to Medford, Mass.]

[Mass. Court Records, June 20, 1735.]

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Medford, Shewing that the said Town is of the Smallest Extent of any in the Province, and yet their Town Charges Extreemly high, so that the

Maintenance of the Ministry & School is very Chargable to them; and therefore praying for a Grant of some of the waste lands of the province, to be Appropriated for the Support of a Minister & Schoolmaster in the said Town—In the House of Represent[a] Read & *Ordered* that the Prayer of the petition be so far Granted, as that the Town of Medford is hereby Allowed & Impowred by a Survey[r] & Chainmen on Oath to Survey & lay out One Thousand Acres of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province, and Return a plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation, for the uses within mentioned—

In Council Read & Concurr'd
Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 31, 1736.]

A plat of one thousand Acres of land, laid out by Caleb Brook Survey[r] and Chainmen on oath, to fulfill a Grant made by this Court to the Town of Medford, Bounded Southerly by a Tract of land laid out to the Grantees of the Township called Old Harrys town, westerly by province land Northerly & Easterly by Piscataquoag River; begining at a pitch pine tree at the Bank of said River about two Miles West of Merrimack River Marked M F, then Runing West by the Needle with the line of Mark'd trees Six hundred & Ninety three perch then North 15 deg. East to a Maple tree on the Bank of said Piscataquoag River four hundred perch then Runing with said River to the pitch pine first mentioned—

[Maps and Plans, Vol. 10, p. 13.]

By Virtue of A Grant made by the Great & General Court, to y[e] town of Medford, I the Subscriber have Surveyed and Laid out, (with the Assistance of L[t] John Goffe and m[r] Ephraim Bushnall Chane-men), one thousand Acres of Land in the following manner (Viz) bounded Southerly by a tract of Land Laid out to the Grantees of y[e] town-Ship Called by the Name of Old Harry[es] town Westerly by Province Land, Notherly and Easterly by Pescataquogg River, the lines begining att a pitch pine tree on the bank of S[d] River (about two miles west of Merrimack River) Markt M F Then Running Due West by y[e] Nedle with a line of

Markt trees: 693 perch, then turning No 15 Degrees E to a Maple tree Standing on the bank of the Afores[d] Pescataquogg River Markt M F 400 perch, then turning and Running with s[d] Pescataquogg River untill it Coms to y[e] pitch pine first Mentioned which plan is Protracted by a Scale of 80 poles or perch, to one Inch June the 16[th] 1736

By Me Caleb Brooks } Survey[r]

In Surveying this farm there was Given one Chain in fifty for Broken Land and Sagg of Chain

In the House of Representatives June 22[d] 1736 Read and Ordered That the plat be Accepted and the Lands therein delineated and described be & hereby are confirmed to the town of Medford in the County of Middlesex the better to enable them to support the ministry and keep a School in said town agreeable to the prayer of the petition of said town presented to the Court in June last, provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of One thousand Acres of Land, and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp[kr]

In the House of Representatives Dec[r] 22[d] 1736.

Read again and the Question was put whither the plat shall be Accepted? It passed in the Negative

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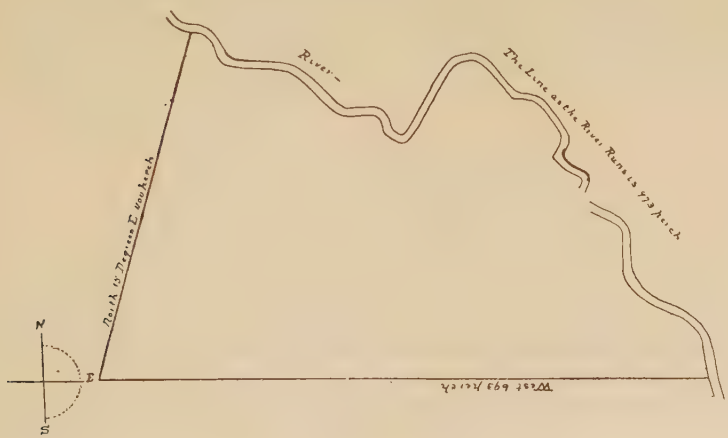
[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 10, p. 13.]



[Maps and Plans, Vol. 10, p. 13, and Court Records, Dec. 31, 1736.]

In the House of Representatives December 29th 1736

Read again and on a Motion made & seconded by divers Members the Question was put whither the House will reconsider their Vote above? Resolved in the affirmative, and Ordered that the plat be accepted and that the lands therein delineated and described be & are hereby Confirmed unto the town of Medford in the County of Midx the Better to Enable them to Support the Ministry And keep a School in sd Town Agreable to the prayer of Sd Town to the Court in June 1735 provided the plat exceeds not the Quantity of One Thousand Acres of Land and does not Interfere wth Any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence — J Quincy Spkr

In Council Decemr 31, 1736

Read & Concur'd — Simon Frost Dept Secry

Janua 1; 1736/7 Consented to — J Belcher

[Maps and Plans, Vol. 10, p. 13.]

Middlesex ss June: 18th 1736

Personally appearing before me the Subscriber Calap Brooks Survayar John Goff and Ephram Busnall Chanmen mad oath that in the survayin and measuring a thousen acrs of Land Granted by the Gener Cort to theTown of Medford thay did deal faithfoully and Impertially

Eleazar Tyng justt Peaces

[Grant to Uxbridge, Mass.]

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 1, 1736, and House Journal, Nov. 30, 1736.]

A petition of Robert Taft and others a Comtee for the Town of Uxbridge praying that the Grant of five hundred Acres of Land made by this Court to the said Town may be taken up Else where than in the County of Worcester and Some longer time Allowed them for Returning the plat of the said Land

In the House of Representta Read & *Ordered* that the petrs be

Allowed and Impowred by a Survey^r and Chainmen on Oath to Survey and lay out the Grant within mentioned in any of the Unappropriated Lands of the province Adjoining to some Township, and that they return a plat thereof to this Court Sometime in the next May Session for Confirmation to the Town of Uxbridge & their Assignes

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, April 20, 1738.]

A Plat of five hundred Acres of Land surveyed and laid out by *James Chandler* Surveyor, and two Chain-Men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court. as entred the 30*th* of *November* 1736, in Answer to a Petition of *Robert Taft* and others, a Committee in behalf of the Town of *Uxbridge*, beginning at *William Lund's* Corner on the *Narragansett* Town Number *Five*, one hundred and ninety Rods to Mr. *Wiswall's* Farm West, then on said Farm two hundred Rods North to a Maple on said Farm, West seventy five Rods to a Hemlock, then North on Province Land two hundred Rods to a black Oak, then on Province Land East two hundred and eight Rods to a Stake and Stones, then South eight Degrees twenty Minutes East, four hundred and four Rods to the first mentioned Bounds, was presented for Allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described, be and hereby are confirmed to the Town of *Uxbridge* and their Assigns, in full Satisfaction of the Grant within mentioned, provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of five hundred Acres of Land and does not interfere with any former Grant.

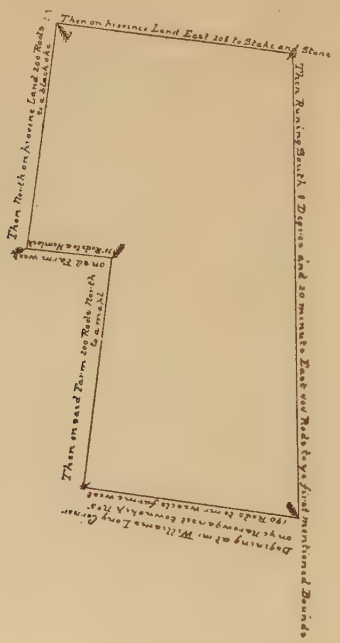
Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, April 21, 1738.]

A Plat of Five Hundred Acres of Land laid out by James Chandler Survey^r and Chain men upon Oath to fulfill a grant made by this Court to the Town of Uxbridge Beginning at Mr^r Williams's long Corner on the Narraganset Township Number Five; thence running One Hundred and ninety rods West, then on said Farm two hundred Rods North to a Maple; then on said Farm West Seventy five rods to a Hemlock; then North on Province Land

two hundred rods to a Black Oak; then on Province Lands East two hundred and eight rods to a Stake and Stones; then South 8′ 2° East four hundred and four rods to the Bounds first mentioned.

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 12, p. 11.]



[Maps and Plans, Vol. 12, p. 11.]

This Plat Contains five Hundred Acres of Land which was Layed out to satisfie a Grant made to y^e^ town of Uxbridge in December 1736 In considration of y^e^ Grate Number of Bridges in said town—I have survayed y^e^ same with y^e^ Asistance m^r^ william Lund and Doct John Barret and Drawn this Plat By a scale of sixty perch to one Inch and one Chane in thirty allowed for Lose of mesur and sage of Chane Survayed Joneuary y^e^ [torn] 1737

by James Chandler Survear

[Maps and Plans, Vol. 12, p. 11, and Court Records, April 21, 1738.]

In the House of Representatives April 20th 1738 Read and Ordered That the plat be accepted and the Lands therein delineated and described be & hereby are confirmed to the town of Uxbridge and their assigns in full satisfaction of the Grant within mentioned, provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of ffive hundred Acres of Land and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence — J Quincy Sp^kr
In Council April 21 1738
Read and Concurrd — J Willard Sec'ry
Consented to — J Belcher

[Maps and Plans, Vol. 12, p. 11.]

Middlesex ss January 13^th 1737

Personally appearing before me the subscriber James Chandler survayor and w^ll Lund and John Barrot Chanmen and made Oath in Survaying and measuring five hundred acres of Land Grantted by the Gen^ll Courtt to the Town Uxbredge they did deal faithfully and Impertially

Eleazar Tyng jus^t P

[Grant to Peleg Wiswall.]

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 26, 1736–7.]

A Petition of Mr. *Peleg Wiswall* of *Boston*, Gentleman, praying the Consideration of the Court on account of the publick Services and Sufferings of his Father the Reverend Mr. *Ichabod Wiswall*, for many reasons mentioned. Read and *Ordered*, That the Petition be considered to morrow Morning.

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 4, 1736–7, and House Journal, Jan. 27, 1736–7.]

A petition of Peleg Wiswall of Boston Gent^n Praying for a Grant of province Land in Consideration of the Services and Sufferings

of his father the Rev^{d} M^{r} Ichabod Wiswall dec'ed in the Cause of this Province—

In the House of Represent^{a} Read And the matter being fully debated and Considered, In Answer to the petition, *Voted* That three hundred Acres of the Unappropriated Lands of the province, Adjoining to some former Grant, be and hereby are given and granted to the heirs of the within named M^{r} Ichabod Wiswall dec'ed, their heirs and assignes; and that they be allowed and Impowred by a Survey^{r} and Chainmen on Oath to Survey and lay out the same and Return a plat thereof to this Court within Twelve Months for Confirmation Accordingly—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, June 2, 1737.]

A Plat of three hundred Acres of Land laid out by *James Chandler*, Surveyor, and two Chain-men on Oath to satisfy a Grant of this Court in their last Session, to Mr. *Peleg Wiswall* of *Boston*, and the other Heirs of their Father Mr. *Ichabod Wiswall*, deceased, in Consideration of the Services and Sufferings of their said Father, bounded on the North Line of the *Narragansett* Township Number *Five*, marked W, being the S. W. Corner of the Premisses, then North-two hundred Rods to a black Birch marked W, which is the N. W. Corner, then on a right Angle East two hundred and forty Rods to a Maple mark'd W, the North East Corner, then running a right Angle South two hundred Rods to a Stake and Stones in the North Line of said *Narragansett* Town the South East Corner, then on a right Angle West twenty four Rods; was presented for Allowance, Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described, be and hereby are confirmed to the Heirs of the within named Mr. *Ichabod Wiswall* deceased, their Heirs and Assigns respectfully forever, in full satisfaction of the Grant within mentioned, provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of three hundred Acres of Land, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 10, 1737.]

A plat of Three hundred Acres of Land laid out by James Chandler Survey^{r} and Chainmen on Oath to fulfill a Grant made by this Court to the heirs of M^{r} Ichabod Wiswall dec'ed, begining at a Beach tree in the North line of the Narragansett Town N^{o} five Marked with W which is the South West Corner of the premisses, thence Runing North by the Needle two hundred Rods to a black birch Tree Marked W, thence East two hundred & forty Rods to a Maple tree Mark'd W, thence South two hundred Rods to a Stake & Stones in the North line of said Narragansett Town; thence West two hundred & forty Rods to the place first mentioned—

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 10.]

[Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 10.]

This Plat Discribeth three hundred acres of Land Layed oute the Twenty third Day of may A D 1737 to satisfie a Grant of the Great and General Court the 4th of february Last to the heirs of the Reverand m^{r} Ichabod wiswall it Begineth at a Beach Tree standing in the north Line of the narraganset Township number 5 marked with W which is the south west Corner of the Premises then the Line Runeth north by the nedle 200 Rods to a Black Birch Tree marked W which is the northwest Corner then Turning a Right Angle Runing East 240 Rods to a maple Tree marked W which is the northeast Corner then Turning a Right Angle Runing south 200 Rods to a stake and stones in the north Line of said narraganset Township which is the south East Corner

then Turning a Right Angle Runing west 240 Rods in said narraganset Township north Line to whare it first began it boundeth south by the narraganset township above named and all other ways on Province Land thare is one Chain in thirty allowed for Lose in measurer Potracted by a scale of fifty Rods to an Inch

by James Chandler surveyor

[Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 10, and Court Records, June 10, 1737.]

In the House of Representatives June 2d 1737 Read and Ordered that the plat be accepted and the Lands therein delineated & described be & hereby are Confirmed to the Heirs of the wthin named Mr Ichabod Wiswell & to their heirs and assigns respectively for Ever in full satisfaction of the Grant within mentioned, provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of three hundred Acres of Land and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence — J Quincy Spkr
In Council June 10, 1737.
Read & Concur'd, — Simon Frost Dept Secry
July 1 Consented to, — J Belcher

[Maps and Plans, Vol. 11, p. 10.]

Middlesex ss. Dunstable may ye 21st 1737

Personally Appearing James Chandler Surveyor, Joseph Dudley & Benjamin Davis Chainmen And made Oath that in Surveying and measureing a Tract of Land of three Hundred Acres granted by ye Genll Court of this Province to the Heirs of the Revd Mr Ichabod Wiswall, they would Act faithfully And Impartially According to their best Skill & Judgment

Jurat coram me — Joseph Blanchard Justis. Pacis

GROTON [OLD GRANT].

[This territory is now occupied principally by the towns of Mason and Wilton. See papers cited under those towns; Boundary Lines of Old Groton, Granite Monthly, Vol. 7, p. 278, and Vol. 9, p. 52.]

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 12, 1734.]

Col. *Chandler* from the Committee appointed the 28*th*. ult. to consider the Petition of *Benjamin Prescot*, Esq; in behalf of the Proprietors of *Groton*, made report, which was read and accepted, and in answer to this Petition, *Voted*, That a Grant of ten thousand eight hundred acres of the Lands lying in the *Gore* between *Dunstable* and *Townshend*, be and hereby is made to the Proprietors of the Town of *Groton*, as an equivalent for what was taken from them by *Littleton* and *Coyachus* or *Willard's Farm* (being about two acres and an half for one) and is in full satisfaction thereof, and that the said Proprietors be and hereby are allowed and impowred by a Surveyor and Chain-men on Oath to survey and lay out the said ten thousand eight hundred acres in the said *Gore*, and return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation to them their heirs and assigns respectively.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 1, 1735–6.]

A Petition of Benjamin Prescot Represent[a] of the Town of Groton [Mass.] in behalf of the said Town, Shewing that the original Grant of the said Town was for the quantity of Six Miles Square that althô a plat was taken yet it never was Confirmed till the Year 1717 which was after the Town of Littleton [Mass.] was Granted which took 3000 Acres from Groton; & Willards & Reads farm, lying within the bounds of Groton took of about 1300 Acres more so that the Proprietors of Groton have 4300 Acres of land less than they ought to have According to their Original Grant And therefore praying that this Court would Grant to the Proprietors of the Undivided Lands in Groton a Gore of Province Land lying between Dunstable & Townshend or some other Land as an Equivalent for what is taken from them as aforesaid—

In the House of Represent[a] Read & in Answer to this petition

Voted That a Grant of Ten thousand Eight hundred Acres of land lying in the Gore between Dunstable and Townshend be and hereby is made to the Propriet[rs] of the Town of Groton as an Equivalent for what was taken from them by Littleton & Coyacus or Willards farm being about two Acres & an half for one, & is in full Satisfaction thereof & that the said Proprietors be & hereby are Allowed & Impowred by a Survey[r] & Chain men on Oath to

Survey & lay out the said Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Acres in the Gore, and Return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for Confirmation to them their heirs and assignes forever.—

In Council Read & Nonconcurr'd

[*Memorial of Groton.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 243, p. 39.]

Province of y^e^ } To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq^r^
Massachusetts Bay } Cap^t^ General & Governor in Chief in & over his Majesties Province of y^e^ Massachusetts Bay to the Hon^ble^ Council And House of Representatives in General Court assembled March 24^th^ 1735.

The Memorial of Benjamin Prescott Representative of the Town of Groton in behalf of y^e^ Proprietors of s^d^ Town Humbly Sheweth

That the Great & General Court in April Last past were pleased to Grant to y^e^ Said Proprietors of Groton Ten Thousand and Eight Hundred Acres of Land in the Gore between Dunstable & Townshend and order that the said Proprietors by a Surveyor and Chainmen on Oath Lay out y^e^ Same and return a plat thereof within Twelve months for Confirmation Which has been Done Accordingly As by the Surveyors Return and Plat Discribed by the prickt Lines, herewith exhibited Appears Which Plat Interferes with the plat Exhibeted in behalf of y^e^ Town of Ipswich, Accepted by your Exelency & Honours, and there not being Left a Sufficient Quantity of Land to Satisfye Said Grant The Committee for the Town of Ipswich have Consented That the Course of their Easterly Line from Townshend north Corner Shall be North 21 Degrees East instead of North Thirty four Degrees East provided they may be Allowed to Take up an equivalent in Land adjoyning to their West Line for what will be Taken off by Such an alteration Agreeable thereto Your memorialist caused the plat of y^e^ Said Gore Taken by John Stevens Surveyor to be Altered and Reformed as Discribed by y^e^ black Drawn Lines; which Contains an equal Quaintity of Land to what is Contained within the Prickt Lines viz^t^ Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Acres as appears by the Said plat Which Plat of the Gore So altered and Reformed Your Memorialist most Humbly prays Your Exelency & Honours would be pleased to accept; and Confirm the Land therein Dis-

cribed and Contained (Except one thousand Acres belonging To y^e^ Town of Cambridge formerly Layed out) To y^e^ Proprietors of y^e^ Town of Groton their heirs & assigns Respectively, According to their Several Interests forever and That the Com^tee^ for Ipswich be Impowered to Lay out an equivalent on their West Line for what will be Taken off by the alteration of their East Line as afores^d^ And Your Memorialist as bound In Duty shall ever pray &c

Benj^a^ Prescott

In the House of Representatives March 25^th^ 1736—

Read and Ordered that the prayer of the Memorial be Granted, and the Committee for the New township granted to some of the Inhabitants of Ipswich are hereby allowed to lay out an Equivalent on the West Line of the said new township Accordingly

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^kr^

Province of the } To his Exelency Jonathan Belcher Esq^r^
Massachusetts Bay } Cap^t^ General & Governor in Chief &c
The Hon^ble^ Council & Hon^ble^ House of Representatives in General Court Assembled June 3^d^ 1736.—

The Subscriber Agent for the proprietors of the Town of Groton &c Humbly prays the within memorial may be revived & Granted And as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

Benj^a^ Prescott

In the House of Representatives June 4^th^ 1736, Read and Ordered that the prayer of the memorial be granted, and in Answer thereto Ordered that the Committee for the new township granted to Some of the Inhabitants of Ipswich are hereby allowed to lay out an Equivalent on the West line of the said New township Accordingly

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^kr^
In Council June 18. 1736
Read and Concurrd Simon Frost Dep^t^ Sec^ty^
22: Consented to, J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, March 25, 1736.]

A Plat of eleven thousand eight hunred acres of Land (whereof one thousand was formerly laid out to the Town of *Cambridge*) laid out by *John Stevens* Surveyor and two Chain men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of ten thousand eight hundred acres of Land made by this Court to the Proprietors of the Town of *Groton* in

April last, as the same is reformed, was presented for allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the said Plat as reformed and altered by *Jonas Houghton* Surveyor be and hereby is accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described (excepting the said one thousand acres belonging to *Cambridge* School Farm and therein included) be and hereby are confirmed to the Proprietors of the Town of *Groton* their heirs and assigns respectively for ever, according to their several Interests; provided the same do not interfere with any former Grant of this Court, nor exceeds the quantity of eleven thousand eight hundred acres; and the Committee for the Town of *Ipswich* are allowed and impowred to lay out such quantity of Land on their West Line as is equivalent to what is taken of their East Line as aforesaid, and return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation, and all Oar and Mines except Iron within the Land taken out of the Plat of the Township granted to some of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Ipswich* aforesaid be and hereby is reserved to the said Grantees of *Ipswich* their assigns as well as heirs respectively for ever.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Which accompanied a Memorial of *Benjamin Prescot*, Esq; Representative of the Town of *Groton*, in behalf of the Proprietors of said Town, shewing that the Court in *April* last, were pleased to grant the said Proprietors ten thousand eight hundred acres of Land in the Gore between *Dunstable* & *Townshend*, and order that the said Proprietors by a Surveyor and Chain men on Oath lay out the same and return a Plat thereof within twelve months for confirmation, which they had done accordingly, as appears by the Plat described by the prick'd Lines, which Plat interfered with the Plats some of the Inhabitants of the new Township of *Ipswich* accepted, there not being left a sufficient quantity of Land to satisfy said Grant, the Committee, for the Town of *Ipswich* have consented that the Course of their Easterly line from *Townshend* North Corner shall be North twenty one degrees East instead of North thirty four degrees East, provided they may be allowed to take up an equivalent in Land adjoining to their West Line to what shall be taken off by such alteration, that agreeable thereto the Memorialist had caused the said Plat taken by the said *John Stevens* to be altered and reformed by the black drawn Lines &c. praying the same might be accepted, and the Committee for *Ipswich* be impowred to lay out an Equivalent on their West Line &c. Read and *Ordered*, That the prayer of the Memorial be granted, and the Committee for the new Township

granted to some of the Inhabitants of *Ipswich*, are hereby allowed to lay out an Equivalent on the West Line of the said new Township accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, June 4, 1736.]

A Petition of *Benjamin Prescot*, Esq: Representative of the Town of *Groton*, and in behalf of the Proprietors there, praying that the Votes of the House on his Memorial, and a Plat of ten thousand eight hundred acres of Land lately granted to the said Proprietors, as entred the 25*th*. of *March* last, may be revived and granted, for the reasons mentioned. Read and *Ordered*, That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and further that the within Plat as reformed and altered by *Jonas Houghton* Surveyor, be and hereby is accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described (excepting the said one thousand acres belonging to *Cambridge* School Farm and therein included) be and hereby are confirmed to the Proprietors of the Town of *Groton* their heirs and assigns respectively for ever, according to their several Interests; provided the same do not interfere with any former Grant of this Court, nor exceeds the quantity of eleven thousand eight hundred Acres; and the Committee for the Town of *Ipswich* are allowed and impowred to lay out such quantity of Land on their West Line as is equivalent to what is taken off their East Line as aforesaid, and return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation, and all Oar and Mines except Iron within the Land taken out of the Plat of the Township granted to some of the Inhabitants of the town of *Ipswich* aforesaid, be and hereby is reserved to the said Grantees of *Ipswich*, their assigns as well as heirs respectively for ever.

Sent up for Concurrence.

And in answer to the said Memorial of the said *Benjamin Prescot*, Esq; *Ordered*, That the prayer of the Memorial be granted, and the Committee of the new Township granted to some of the Inhabitants of *Ipswich* are hereby allowed to lay out an Equivalent on the Western Line of the said new Township accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 15, 1736.]

A Memorial of Benj[a] Prescott Esq[r] Represent[a] of the Town of Groton in behalf of the Proprietors there, praying that the Votes of the House on his Memorial & a plat of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Acres of Land, lately Granted to the said Proprietors, as Entred in the House the 25 of March last, may be Revived and Granted, The bounds of which Tract of Land as Mentioned on the said Plat are as follows viz[t]; begining at the North West Corner of Dunstable at Dram Cup hill by Sohegan River, and Runing South in Dunstable line last Perambulated and Run by a Com[tee] of the General Court, two Thousand One hundred & fifty two poles to Townshend line, there making an Angle, and Runing West 31½ Deg. North on Townshend line & province Land Two Thousand and Fifty Six poles to a Piller of Stones then turning and Running by Province Land 31½ deg North two Thousand & forty Eight poles to Dunstable Corner first Mentioned

In the House of Represent[a] Read & *Ordered* that the prayer of the Memorial be Granted, and further that the within Plat as Reformed and Altered by Jonas Houghton Survey[r] be and hereby is Accepted and the Lands therein Delineated and Described (Excepting the said One Thousand Acres belonging to Cambridge School Farm and therein included) be and hereby are Confirmed to the Proprietors of the Town of Groton their heirs and Assignes Respectivly forever, According to their Several Interests; Provided the same do not Interfere with any former Grant of this Court nor Exceeds the Quantity of Eleven thousand Eight hundred Acres And the Committee for the Town of Ipswich are allowed and Impowred to lay out such quantity of Land on their West line as is Equivalent to what is taken off their East line as aforesaid. and Return a plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

And in Answer to the said Memorial of Benj[a] Prescott Esq[r]—

In the House of Represent[a] *Ordered* that the prayer of the Memorial be Granted and the Com[tee] for the New Township Granted to some of the Inhabitants of Ipswich, are hereby Allowed to lay out an Equivalent on the West line of the said New Township Accordingly—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[*Petition of Proprietors of Groton for Equivalent Grant, 1771.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 118, p. 532.]

Province of the Massachusetts-Bay } To his Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq^r^ Capt General & Governour in Cheife in & Over the S^d^ Province and to the Hon^le^ His Majesties Councel and house of Representatives in General Court Assembled at Cambridge June 1771——Humbly Shews—

That The Great & General Court of this Province Did in April 1735 make a grant of Ten thousand and Eight Hundred Acres of Land Lying to the North of Townshend to the Proprietors of the Town of Groton as an Equivolent for What was Taken from Them by Littleton & Major Willards & Reeds Farms, Which were Prior Grants: and also as a Compensation for the great Loss & Damage Sustained by the Inhabitants of S^d^ Groton in the former Indian Warrs, whereby the Inhabitants were (After Twenty years Settlement) wholly Drove off and their Buildings Destroyed by Fire, Besides many of the said Inhabitants Being Killed and Others Captivated &c, And After the Town was Resettled they Did Build Fortifications at their Own Cost and Charge and Did as much Service in their own & Defence of the Province as the Soldiers that were Imployed and Paid by the Province——

That the Said Proprietors have Since been Intirely Dispossessed of the Ten thousand Eight hundred Acres of Land afores^d^ by the Running of the Province Line Notwithstanding they had been at Very great Expence of time and money in Gitting Said Order of Court Confirmed and bringing forward the Settlement of S^d^ Land: So that they Have been Plunged into Greater Difficulties instead of Receiving an Equivolent for Prior Grants or a Compensation for their Sengular Sarvices and Extream Sufferings in the Province—

Therefore Your Petitioners in behalf of y^e^ Proprietors afores^d^ most Earnestly pray your Excellency & Honours Would take their Sengular Case into your Wise Consideration & make them the Said Proprietors and Adequate Grant of Some of the Unappropriated Lands in the Western Part of this Province And the Only Reasions we have Delayed Petitioning to this Hon^bl^ Court for a Releife before was in Hopes of the Province Line Being Altered to its former Boundes again &c Or otherwise Grant us Such Releife as

you may think Proper—And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray—

Josiah Sartell
John Bulkley
Nath[ll] Parker
} Committee for the Proprietors of Groton

In The House of Representitives June—1771

On The Petition of Josiah Sartell and Others a Com[tte] for The Proprietors of Groton—Whereas it Appears to This Court That The Proprietors afores[d] Had a Grant Made to Them by The General Court in April 1735 of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Acers of Land In Consideration of Land Taken from S[d] Groton by Littleton Maj[r] Willard and Reads farms being Prior Grants and for their Extraordinary Suffering in the former Indian Warrs and in June 1736 Said Grant was Confirmed to Said Proprietors Sence Which time the Said Prop[rs] Have been Intirely Dispossed of Said Land by the late Runing of y[e] Line Between this Province and New Hampshire and Whereas it Appears there has Been no Compensation made to the Said Prop[rs] of Groton for y[e] Lands Lost as afores[d] Excepting Three thousand Acers Granted in November Last to James Prescott William Prescott & Oliver Prescott for their Proportion Thereof—Therefore Resolved In Leiu thereof there be Granted to the Proprietors of Groton their Heirs and Assigns for Ever Seven Thousand and Eight Hundred Acers of the unappropriated Lands Belonging to this Province in y[e] Western part of y[e] Province to be Layed out Adjoyning to Some former Grant and that they Return a Plan thereof Taken by a Survayor and Chainmen under Oath Into y[e] Secretarys office Within Twelve Months for Confirmation &c—

Sent up for Concurrence — T Cushing Spk[r]

In Council June 13[th]–1771—
Read & Nonconcurred — Jn[o] Cotton D. Secr'y

In Council June 20[th] 1771—
Read again, reconsidered, and Concurred
Tho[s] Flucker Sec[t]

Consented to — Hutchinson

HAMPTON.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Winnicunnet*, March 3, 1635. The name was changed to Hampton, Sept. 4, 1639. Hampton Falls was set off as a parish and incorporated Nov. 23, 1726. North Hill Parish was set off and incorporated as North Hampton, Nov. 26, 1742.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 331; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 99; Index to Laws, 226; Farmer's Belknap's History of New Hampshire, chaps. 1 and 2, *et seq.*; An Historical Address, by Joseph Dow, 1838, pub. 1839, pp. 43; historical manuscripts, by E. W. Toppan, in possession of Christopher G. Toppan, of Hampton; History, now in press, by Joseph Dow; papers relating to the town, in appendix of this volume; historical sketch, compiled from Toppan manuscripts, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 317. Consult authorities cited under titles, Dover, Exeter, Gosport, New Castle, and Portsmouth.]

[Mass. Court Records, March 3, 1635.]

Ordered, that there shalbe a plantac'on setled at wenicunnett & that m^r^ Dummer & m^r^ John Spencer shall have power to presse men to builde a howse forthw^th^ in some convenient place, & what money they lay out aboute it shalbe repaide them againe out of the Tresury or by those that come to inhabite there./

[Mass. Court Records, Nov 2, 1637.]

The inhabitants of Neweberry, haveing bene moved to leave their plantation, they have graunted them winnacunnet, or any other plantation upon Merrimack below the first falls, & to have sixe miles square, & those that are now inhabitants, & shall remove w^th^in one yeare, shall have three years immunity (as Concord hath) the three years begining the first of the first month next.

[Mass. Court Records, Sept. 6, 1638.]

The Court grants that the petitioners m^r^ Steven Bachiler, Christo: Hussey, Mary Hussey, vidua, Thom: Crumwell, Samuell Skullard, John Osgood, John Crosse, Samu: Greenfeild, John Molton, Tho: Molton, Willi: Estow, Willi: Palmer, Willi: Sergant, Rich^r^d Swayne, Willi: Sanders, Rob^r^t Tucke w^th^ diverse others, shall have libertie to begin a plantation at Winnacunnet; & m^r^ Bradstreete, m^r^ Winthrope Junior, & m^r^ Rawson, or some two of them are to assist in setting out the place of the towne, & apportioning the severall quantity of land to each man, so as

nothing shalbee done therein wthout alowance from them, or 2 of them./

[Mass. Court Records, May 22, 1639.]

Winnacunnet is alowed to bee a towne, & hath power to choose a Cunstable, & other officers, & make orders, for the well ordering of their towne, & to send a Deputy to the Court, & Christo: Hussey, Willi: Palmer, & Richrd Swaine to end all businesses under 20 sh^{s} for this yeare. the laying out of land to bee by those expressed in the former order

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[Mass. Court Records, Sept. 4, 1639.]

Winnacunnet shalbee called Hampton./

[Mass. Court Records, May 6, 1657.]

whereas the lands & proprieties of the Honnored Cap^{t} wiggins hath not hitherto binn brought wthin the limitts of any Toune nor binn liable to pay taxes & Assessments as other the Honored magistrates have donne It is therefore Ordered by this Court that henceforth the now dwelling howse of the said Capt^{n} Wiggin together wth the lands and proprieties thereunto Appertayning shall belong to the towne of Hampton and by the selectmen of the said Toune to be Assessed in all rates according to lawe any Custome or usage to the Contrary notwithstanding & y^{t} for the time past he allow only the somme of five pounds to the publicke Treasury:

HANCOCK.

[Originally a part of *Society Land*. Incorporated Nov. 5, 1779, and named in honor of John Hancock. Joseph Putnam's farm was taken from Society Land and annexed to Hancock Jan. 16, 1794. John Flint's farm was taken from Antrim and annexed Jan. 1, 1849.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 759; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 152; Index to Laws, 227; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 350; History, 1764 to 1889, by William W. Hayward, 1889, pp. 1,070.]

[Grant to Green, Walker, Lyde, and Green.]

[Mass. Court Records, Vol. 17, Misc. p. 221, and Maps and Plans Vol. 35, p. 25.]

June 1740. Then surveyed for Mess^rs^ Joseph Green & Isaac Walker Merchants, Byfield Lyde Esq^r^ and John Green Merchant, Eight thousand five hundred & seventy five Acres of Land lying on the South branch of Contookock River taking in said River, and Lyeth on the North side of a Township laid out to Samuel Harwood & Others, known by the name of Peterborough and buts South on it, which is laid out to satisfy a Grant of the Great and General Court made to the abovesaid Persons 10 January 1739— to make to them an Equivalent for Lands by them respectively surrendered to the Government, lying in upper Housatannock, in Order to accommodate the Indian Town now Called Stockbridge.

It began at Beech Tree the south West corner of said Tract of Land standing in the North line of said Peterborough Township about half a Mile West from the River, said Tree being marked with the Letter A, from thence it ran North by a line of Marked Trees 1920 Perch to the north west corner, being a Stake and heap of Stones, marked with the Letter B, from thence it ran East by a line of Marked Trees nine hundred and Sixty Perch crossing the River to a White Pine the North East corner marked with the Letter C, from thence it ran fourteen degrees West by a line of marked trees Eight hundred and eighty Perch to a Maple tree, from thence it ran East forty Perch to a poplar Tree Marked, from thence it ran South fourteen degrees West Eleven hundred and twenty by a line of marked trees to a Stake & Stones in said Peterborough line being the South East corner marked with the Letter D, and from thence it runs West with said Township, by a line of marked trees 520 Perch to where it began.——

In the lines above described there is allowed four hundred and fifty Acres for sagg of chain and a Pond. The tract of Land described is bounded North, West, and East on unappropriated Lands.——

℔ Joseph Wilder Jun^r^ Survey^r^

Worcester ss: June 14, 1740.—

Then Jacob Wilder and Joseph Osgood appearing made Oath that in surveying the above described Tract of Land they faithfully performed the service of Chainmen according to the best of their skill and Judgment.—before me

Sam[l] Willard Just. Pe[s]

Massachusetts Bay ss. June 17[th] 1740—

Then the aforenamed Joseph Wilder appearing made Oath that in surveying the above said tract of Land he faithfully performed the duty of a Surveyor without favor or Affection according to the best of his Skill and Judgment.

Before me. Joseph Wilder Justice y[e] Peace

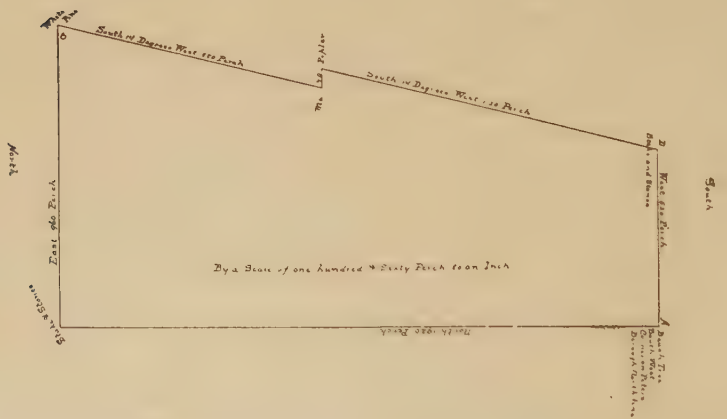
In the House of Representatives June 18, 1740—Read and Ordered, that the Plat be accepted and the lands herein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said Joseph Green, Isaac Walker, Byfield Lyde and John Green, their Heirs and Assigns—Provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of the Grant and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council July 18, 1740 Read & Concurred

Consented to J. Belcher

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 35, p. 25.]



HENNIKER.

[This town was *Number* 6 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735–6. As some of the grantees came from Marlborough, Mass., it was sometimes called *New Marlborough*, or *Marlborough Town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, July 16, 1752, to Andrew Todd and others, and sometimes called *Todd's-town*. Incorporated as Henniker, Nov. 10, 1768, and named in honor of John Henniker, M. P.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 189; Index to Laws, 235; History, from 1735 to 1880, by Leander W. Cogswell, 1880, pp. 807; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 340.]

[*Petition of Proprietors of Henniker for Equivalent Grant, 1774.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 118, p. 757.]

Province of the } To His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq^{r}
Massachusetts-Bay } Captain General & Commander in chief In
& over s^{d} Province

To the Honourable His majesties Council & To the Honourable House of Representatives in general Court assembled January 26th 1774

The Petition of the Subscriber in behalf of ourselves and others Grantees of the Township Number Six in the Line of Towns humbly Sheweth

That the Great & General Court of the Province at their Session A D 1735 Granted a Township of the Contents of Six Miles square being Number Six In the Line of Towns between Connecticutt & Merrimack Rivers that the Grantees were at very considerable Expence in clearing Roads Building Mills &c in said Township. that by the late running of the Line Between this Government & the Government of New Hampshire the said Township was taken into the said Goverement of New-Hampshire, & your Pet^{rs} and their associates have lost their whole Interest therein together with the money Expended in bringing forward the Settlement of said Township

your Petitioners therefore most humbly request that your Excellency & Honours would in your known wisdom & Justice Grant to your Petitioner & the other Grantees and Proprietors of s^{d} Township Number Six in Lieu thereof a Township in some of the unappropriated Land in the Eastward Part of this Province or otherwise

Relive your Petitioner as your Excellency & Hon^r In your Wisdom shall think proper & your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray

John Gardner
Stephen Maynard
Seth Rice

[In answer to this petition, the General Court granted the petitioners the township of Waterford, Me., Feb. 24, 1774.]

HILLSBOROUGH.

[This town was *Number* 7 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735–6. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Jan. 26, 1748–9, to John Hill and others, and named in honor of Col. John Hill. Incorporated Nov. 14, 1772.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 379; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 203; Index to Laws, 241; Annals, from first settlement to 1841, by Charles James Smith, 1841, pp. 72; sketch, by Frank H. Pierce, 1, Granite Monthly, p. 369; historical sketch, by Harry Brickett, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1886, p. 391.]

[*Petition of Samuel Brown for Equivalent Grant, 1768.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 118, p. 323.]

To His Exelency Francis Barnard Esq^r Captain General & Commander in Cheif in & Over his Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled Jan^y 1768

The petition of Samuel Brown of Stockbridge Humbly Sheweth That Whereas the General Assembly of this province Some Time before the Year A. D 1739 Granted to the people of Plymouth a Township of Land Called N^o 7, in the Line of Towns. Since Called by the Name of Hillsburg which Township was Since Sold to Coll. John Hills & Gershom Keyes than of Boston by Said Granttees, & Hills & Keyes afore Sd became Obliged to Do the Duty of Settlement in Sd Township as Injoynd by the General Assembly as the Condition of Sd Grant in pursueance whereof Said Hills & Keyes Soon after built a meetting house & mill or mills in Sd Township

& also Gave a Considerable part of Sd Township to a proper Number of persons to go on & Setle the Same according the Courts act whereby the whole Duty of Settlement was Securd to be Done & Save the Remaing part of Sd Lands of Sd Township free of Charges after which (viz) in the year A. D 1739, your Petitioner in Consideration of the afore mentioned things Respeting the Settlement of Sd Township being Done & also Esteeming the Grant of General Court a Good Title, Your Petitioner Purchas^{d} One Thousand Acres of land in Sd Township of Sd Keyes as being free of Duty at the Price of £500 Cash in hand of the than Currancy of the province and Soon after Sold the Same for £550. the same Currancy and warranted the Same, but Since that time the line between the Province & Newhampshire being Setled. Sd Township by Sd Line is Taken from this province & InCluded in Newhampshire and although Some part of Sd Township has been Released to Sundry Persons, by the proprietors of Newhampshire. Yet they uterly Refuse to Release any to your petitioner, but hold that Individual Tract of land of one Thousand Acres afoementioned from your petitioner although full & proper Application has been made therefor, wherefore your petitioner is Damaged the Vallue of £550. as afoe sd & now Obliged to pay y^{e} Same with Sink of money & Interest to this time & Till it be paid which to this time by the Computation of one of our prinsaple Gentleman in the Law amounts to the Sum of more than Two thousand pounds old Tennor, wherefore Your Petitioner Humbly Prays Your Exelency & Honnours would be pleased to take your petitioners Case into your wise & Juditious Consideration & Grant to him an Equivalent in lands in the Western part of the province or Some other way make up to your petitioner his Damages as in your Great wisdom & Goodness Your Exelency & honnours Shall think fitt and your Petitioner as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray &c

Sam Brown

In the House of Representatives Febr 3 1768

It Appearing by a Report of a Com^{tee} of this Court made in the year 1765 Accepted by the House & Concurred by the Hon^{ble} Board thô not Signed by his Excel^{y} the Governor there was allowed to Col^{o} Hill & others Seventeen Hundred Acres of Land for land Lost by running the line of New Hampshire A Thousand Acres part thereof of right belongs to the pet^{r} Sam^{l} Brown. Therefore Resolved that there be granted to the S^{d} Sam^{l} Brown his heirs & assigns One thousand Acres of the Unappropriated Lands of the province lying in the County of Hampshire or Berkshire to be laid out in one

peice adjoining to some former Grant and that he return a plan thereof In twelve months for Confirmation

Sent up for Concurrence — T Cushing Spk^{r}
In Council Feb^{y} 4th 1768—
Read & Concurred — Jn^{o} Cotton D. Secr'y
Consented to — Fra. Bernard

HINSDALE.

[This town was included in the original grant of Northfield, Mass. Incorporated as *Hindsdale*, Sept. 3, 1753, and named in honor of Col. Ebenezer Hindsdale. September 26, 1753, the Governor decided that the east line should extend to Chesterfield, thus taking off a portion of Winchester. On the establishment of the State of Vermont and the final determination of its jurisdiction, the town lost all of its territory west of the Connecticut.

See New Hampshire charters following; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 382; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398,400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 212; Index to Laws, 242; historical sketch, by J. M. Stebbins, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 357.]

[Mass. House Journal, July 4, 1727.]

On a Memorial of the Proprietors and Inhabitants of the Town of *Northfield*, praying, that as there has never yet been any Lines and Boundaries of their Town run and setled and returned to this Court for Confirmation, and as they have lately been at the Cost and Charge of a Surveyor and Chain-Men on Oath to Survey the same according to the Grants of this Court, that the Lands contained within the Lines of the Plat protracted as aforesaid and Exhibited with the Petition, may be Confirmed to them, for the Reasons mentioned, which was Read and Accepted, and *Ordered*, That Col. *Stoddard*, Mr. *Gunn*, and Mr. *Wright*, be a Committee at the Charge of the Petitioners, to run the Lines of the Town of *Northfield* by a skilful Surveyor and Chain-men on Oath agreable to the several Grants made by this Court to the said Town, and return a Plat thereof to the Court in their next Fall Session for Confirmation.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, July 6, 1727.]

Theophilus Burrell Esq; brought down the Memorial of the Proprietors and Inhabitants of the Town of *Northfield*, with the Vote of the House thereon, as entred the *4th.* Currant, Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *July 5th.* 1727. Read and Concurr'd, The Survey of the first Grant of Eight Miles Square to begin at the East side of the River at the lower end of the Three little Meadows, and so to extend Eight Miles up the River. Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and Concurr'd.

[Mass. Court Records, June 22, 1733.]

A Plat of the Township of Northfeild in the County of Hampshire taken by Tim° Dwight Esq^r^ Survey^r^—In the House of Represent^ves^ Read & Voted that the within plat protracted by Tim° Dwight Survey^r^ be Accepted, & the Lands therein contained, confirmed to the Town of Northfeild saving that on the East Side of Connecticut River they shall begin their Measure in laying out their first Grant at the lower End of the three little Meadows & from thence measure Eight Miles up Connecticut River, agreable to the Representation of M^r^ William Clarke the Survey^r^ of the first Comm^tee^ who laid out that Township, And that so much be struck off from the Nothern Part of the Plat on the East Side of Connecticut River as the Land shall measure from the Mouth of the Brook called Natani's or Bennet's Brook to the lower End of the three little Meadows—

In Council Read & Concur'd

Consented to J Belcher.

[Grant to John Russell.]

[Mass. House Journal, Aug. 18, 1737.]

A Petition of *John Russell*, Esq; *of Barnstable*, in the County of *Barnstable*, Chyrurgeon, praying for a Grant of Land on Account of his Service and Expences as Chyrurgeon in the late Expedition against *Port-Royal*, under Command of the late Col. *March*. Read and *Ordered*, That the Petition be considered at twelve o'Clock this Day.

[Mass. House Journal, Aug. 18, 1737.]

The Petition of Dr. *John Russell* read again and considered, and in Answer thereto, *Voted*, That two hundred Acres of the unappropriated Lands of the Province lying in the County of *Hampshire*, be and is hereby given and granted to the Petitioner *John Russell*, Esq; in full Consideration of the Expence he was at, and his Service in the Expedition to *Annapolis* within mentioned, and that he be allowed and impowred by a Surveyor and Chain-men on Oath to return a Plat thereof to this Court (adjoining to some Township) within twelve Months for Confirmation.

Sent up for Concurrence by Mr. *Bird*.

[Mass. Court Records, Aug. 18, 1737.].

A Petition of John Russell Esq^r^ praying for some consideration for his serving the Province in an Expedition to Port Royal in the year 1704 for which he has never yet received any thing by reason of his absence beyond Sea when the Roll was made up:—

In the House of Represent^ves^ Read and *Ordered*, that two hundred Acres of the unappropriated lands of the Province lying in the County of Hampshire be and is hereby given and granted to the Petitioner John Russel Esq^r^ in full consideration of the expence at, and his service in the Expedition to Annapolis within mentioned, and that he be allowed and impowered by a Surveyor and Chain men on oath, to return a Plat thereof (adjoining to some Township or former Grant) to the Court, within twelve months, for confirmation.

In Council; Read.

[Mass. Court Records, June 23, and House Journal, June 22, 1738.]

A Plat of Two Hundred Acres of Land laid out by Nathaniel Kellog Survey^r^ and Chain men on oath, to fulfill a grant made by this Court to John Russell Esq^r^ lying Westward and adjoining to the Town commonly called Arlington, North, and adjoining to a Township lying Eastward of and adjoining to Northfield; bounded North and West on unappropriated land; Beginning at a Heap of

Stones which is Arlington South West Corner; thence running North 16°.00. West two hundred and thirty two perch in Arlington West Line; thence West one hundred fourteen perch twelve feet to a stake and Stones; thence South two hundred and twenty two Perch; thence East one hundred and seventy seven perch, to the place first mentioned.

In the House of Represent^ves Read and *Ordered* that the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said John Russel Esq^r his Heirs and Assigns in full satisfaction of the Grant within mentioned; Provided it exceeds not the quantity of two hundred Acres of land, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

In Council; Read and Concur'd

Consented to J Belcher

HOPKINTON.

[This town was *Number* 5 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735–6. Some of the grantees being from Hopkinton, Mass., the town was also called *New Hopkinton*. Granted by the Masonian proprietors, Nov. 30, 1750, to Henry Mellen and others. Incorporated as Hopkinton, Jan. 10, 1765, and named from Hopkinton, Mass. A portion of Bow was annexed Dec. 13, 1763, to settle a dispute between the two towns. The town was annexed to Merrimack from Hillsborough County on the incorporation of the former in 1823.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 404; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 255; Index to Laws, 247; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack county, 1885, p. 391; Life and Times in Hopkinton, by C. C. Lord, 1890, pp. 583.]

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 3, 1735.]

On the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of *Hopkinton*, praying for a Grant of Land for a Township on the Westerly side of *Rumford* and *Suncook*, on that tract taken up and dropt by the *Narragansett* Men, which was read and accepted, and the House came into the Grant at the place petitioned for on the same Conditions of Settlement as the last preceeding Grant was made.

Sent up for Concurrence.

HUDSON.

[This was a part of the Old Dunstable grant, and was afterwards included in the limits of Nottingham. Incorporated as *Nottingham West*, July 5, 1746. The name was changed to Hudson, July 1, 1830. The southwest part of Londonderry was annexed March 6, 1778. The line with Londonderry was established June 27, 1857, and the line with Windham July 2, 1862.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 193, 416; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 273; Index to Laws, 251; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 457. Consult authorities cited under title of Dunstable.]

[Grant to Joseph Hills.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 14, 1656.]

Granted to m^r^ Joseph Hills five hundred acres of land neere Norwottocke where m^r^ Bradstreet & others have graunts In Consideration of an Adventure of thirty three pounds and severall services to y^e^ Countrye

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[Mass. Court Records, May 31, 1660, and Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 15.]

In Ans^r^ to the petic'on of m^r^ Joseph Hills, The Court Judged meete to Graunt that m^r^ Jonathan Danforth & Jn^o^ or Jam^s^ parker be Impowered to lay out unto m^r^ Hill the five hundred acres formerly in 1656 Graunted him in any place not formerly Graunted/

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 15.]

10^th^ 3^m^ 1661

laid out to m^r^ Joseph Hill of Maldon, five hundred ace. of land in the wildernesse on y^e^ easterne side of merimack Riv^r^ one part or parsell of y^e^ same Lyeth adjoyning to the Said River; begin'ing at wattannanuck right over against y^e^ Island which Lyeth at y^e^ mouth of Nashuway Riv^r^ run'ing up merimack: (457) pole; by the River; then Run'ing half a point Northward of y^e^ east; (112) pole; (cutting crosse a smale brooke; which bounds it on the North; neer merimuck;) then runing south and by East; (354)

pole; unto a pine tree marked with J : H : from thence y^e^ closing line to merimuck runes south west : one hundred pole; which parsell of land containes (350) ace more or lesse; all which is suffetiently bounded by marked trees and is more fully demonstrated by a plott taken of y^e^ same;

also one part or parsell of y^e^ same Containing (144) ace. more or lesse Lyeth south east of the former parsell, about two miles distant from it; Lying under the North end of a great hill (called discovery Hill) and so also bounded by other great Hills, on y^e^ North west and North east; lying as it were in a vayley, a brook passing through y^e^ same; which Parsell of land is suffetiently bounded by marked trees;

also a smale patch of meadow of about Six acc. lying within sight of a pond; which lyeth Northeast of the two former parsells and about one mile distant from each: Which is bounded by great pines, marked with J H: all which was laid out by

Jonathan Danforth Survey^r^

The Deputies approve of this returne & orders it to be recorded desireinge the Consent of o^r^ Hon^rd^ majists hereto

William Torrey Cleric

7 June 1661: The magists Consent heereto

Edw. Rawson secret

graunted also to m^r^ Joseph Hills a Small Iland beinge in the mouth of Nashaway river as it falls in to merimack, Cont^o^ about 6 Acc^rs^ provided he Compound with the Indians for their right with reference the Consent of o^r^ Hon^rd^ magists hereto

William Torrey Cleric.

The magists Consent hereto so as that there be a Constantly a high way for y^e^ Country & y^t^ the Indians be not hindered from their Constant fishing the deputs Consenting hereto

22 May 1662 Edw: Rawson secrety

Consented unto by the Dep^ts^ as Attest

Thomas Savage Speak^r^

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 15.]

To the honoured Court.

I understanding that the Surveyours returne of laying out the land formerly Granted mee on A double Considerac'on (i. e) for 33^ll^: 06^s^: 08^d^ Layd down in Engl: & for Severall Services to the Countrie hath not been acceptable to our honoured Magistrates

because it is in 3 places and So much in Length beside the River, doe for their better Satisfacc'on hereby Signifie my willingness to accept of the bigger parsel of meadow onely for So many Acres as is of it and to make up the rest backward into the Countrie from the river behind the 300 and odd Acres and So it will be all in one place onely the Meadow A litle remote which is usual with most farmes in the Countrie.

14 : 4 : 61 : Your verie humble Servant

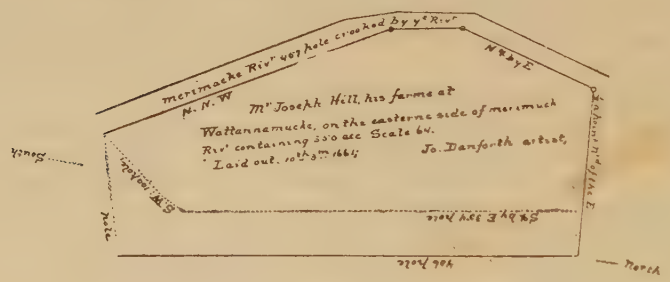
Joseph Hills :

The magistrates grant this desire of m^r^ Hill w^th^ reference to the consent of our Bretheren the deputies.

Jo : Endecott Gov^r^

Consented to by the Deputies William Torrey Cleric

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 14.]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Riv^r^ containing 500 acc Scale 64.
Laid out. 10^th^ 3^m^ 1664
Jo. Danforth survey^r^
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Hole Poles
North

[Mass. Court Records, Vol. 1, p. 15.]

3^m^ 1662

Acording to the order of the generall Court 14^th^ 4^m^ 1661. Ther is added unto the farme of m^r^ Joseph Hill of Maldon, one hundr : ace. of land Joyning to the former parsell backward from y^e^ River ; Hence the buttings and boundings of his farme are as followeth ;

Laid out unto m^r^ Joseph Hill of maldon (500) ace. of land in the wildernesse on the easterne side of merimack River, one Parsell of the same containing (450) ace. Joyneth to the said River ; begin'ing at wattan-na-nuck, right over against y^e^ Island which lyeth at y^e^ mouth of Nashuway river, run'ing up merrimack,

457, pole by y^e^ river, then run'ing halfe a point Northward of y^e^ east; 148, pole, cutting crooss a smale brook which bounds it on the North neer merimack then runing South and by east (406) pole unto a pine tree marked H: from thence; the closing line to merimack is (110) pole, all which is suffetiently bounded by marked tree, the forme of which do better appear by a plott taken of the same;

also: one part or parsell of the same, containing fifty ace. of meadow Lyeth South east of the former Parsell about 2 miles distant from it, lying under the North end of a great Hill (called discovery Hill) also bounded by other great hills on the North west & North east, a brook Passing through the same; also ther is no other meadow neer unto this parsell. This was laid out:

By Jonathan Danforth Survey^r^

The deputyes approve of this returne desireing o^r^ Hono^rd^ magists Consent hereto

William Torrey Cleric.

Consented to by the magis^ts^ Edw Rawson secrety

ISLES OF SHOALS.

[These islands belong part to Maine and part to New Hampshire. The whole group was incorporated by Massachusetts, as a township by the name of *Appledore*, May 22, 1661. Star Island was incorporated as *Gosport* Dec. 24, 1715, and was annexed to the town of Rye, July 20, 1876. On the settlement of the boundaries of New Hampshire, 1737–1741, the commissioners in 1737, adjudged part of the islands to lie in the province of Maine and the remainder in New Hampshire, which judgment was confirmed by the King in 1741.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 313; Index to Laws, 211; Farmer's Belknap's History of New Hampshire, chapters 1 and 2, *et seq.*; The Isles of Shoals, An Historical Sketch, by John Scribner Jenness, first ed., Cambridge, 1873, second ed., 1875. Consult authorities cited under titles, Dover, Exeter, Hampton, New Castle, and Portsmouth; special papers relating to early settlement in appendix to this volume.]

[*Petition of Isles of Shoals to be made a Township, 1653.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 3, p. 215.]

To the much honoured Court held at Boston y^e^ 18^th^ of y^e^ 3^d^ 53

The humble petition of the Inhabbitants in the Isles of Showles, Sheweth

That whereas wee the said Inhabbitants, liveing so remote from the neighbour-townes upon the Maine, and having thereby allready sustained much wronge through want of a power deputed amongst our selves to helpe, whom it may concerne to their due Debts, and findinge alsoe by unsutable wind & weather, that wee cannot (upon occasion) visite the Town that wee might enjoy the benefitt of the Law, to recover our owne, in a way of righteousnes. Wee therefore upon such like reasons, doe thinke it our dutie to make petition to this much honoured generall Court that you mought be pleased, to take our condition into your serious and sage consideration, & to grant us the priviledge of a Towneshipp, as farre as your wisdomes shall thinke us capable, as, that wee may have amongst us a Clarke of the writts, & some others authorizd to have the hearing & issueing of such causes as may fall out, under the summe of Ten pounds wee finding as wee suppose under your favour, more neede of such a priviledge then our neibour-townes, forasmuch as some of our transient ones, as it may fall out, they cannot tarrie untill their causes may be issued elsewhere. Alsoe, may it please this honourd Court to take notice, that our situation is such, as many times wee necessarilie shall not be able to Joyne with our neibours in militarie affaires through unseasonable weather, without great hazard or damage to our selves. Our request is therefore, that you would be pleased to make us a distinct company in that respect, we being upwards of a hundred men at this time, & that our loving friends John Arthur Lieut: & willia^n^ Seely Ensigne so chosen amongst us, to beginne that service, they mought be instaled into such places, for the benefitt of the rest, according to your order Thus, wee nothing doubting, but yee will be pleased to pass by any of these our unsutable expressions, & grant us whatsoever your discretion shall see mostly conduceing to our best good. Wee (for your fatherlie ceare allready enjoyed, & yet expected) doe account ourselves in bounden dutie to be ready, to doe you any service to our abilitie, & to make supplications yet in your behalfe, for the further influences of the holie ghost upon your hearts, in those approaching &

all after agitations, for his owne glory, with his churches wellfare, We now humblie take our leave, & subscribe in the name, & with generall consent.

Hercules Hunkins	Rice Cadogan	Samuell Jewell
Rice Joanes	William Sealy	William wren
Peter Triforn	John bickford	John Bretnell
John fabines	John Arthur	Edward Smale
Benjamin Bickford	Phillip Babb	Peeter Gee
walther Mathews	Richard Sealy	houmphry honewell
matthew Giles	George Sealy.	

The Deputyes thinke meete that the petition[rs] be graunted liberty of determining Civill actions which shall concerne them, when either one or both partyes are inhabitants & taken there to the value of ten pounds, & that m[r] Brion Pendleton m[r] Nicholas Shapley Herculus Hunkins Richard Seely & Phillip Babb be Commission[rs] for such Cases, & y[t] they or any three of them m[r] Pendleton or m[r] Shapley beinge one may here & determine all such cases legally brought before them according to law till this court take further order therein, & for settleinge of the military Officers & Company The Court hath already ꝑvided in that case in their order for the settling of the militia made Anno, 1652 which gives the Chiefe officer of every Company power to appoynt as herein—& for Clark of the writts none being p[r]sented its left to the discretion of the Commission[rs] afforesd or the major pt of them to appoynt a meet man for y[t] service till the Court take further order therein voted by the depu[ts] who desire the Consent of o[r] hono[rd] magists heereto

William Torrey Cleric.
The magists Consent hereto Edward Rawson Secret'y

[Mass. Court Records, May 28, 1659.]

In Ans[r] to the peticion of the Inhabitants of the Isle of Shoales the Court doe not Judge the persons petitioning to be in a Capacity at present to make a Touneshipp.

[Mass. Court Records, May 22, 1661.]

ffor the better setling of order In the Isle of shoales It is Ordered

by this Court that henceforward the whole Islands apperteining there unto w^ch^ doe lye partly in the County of York & the other parte in the Jurisdiction of Dover & Portsmouth shall be reputed & hereby Allowed to be a Touneship called apledoore & shall have æquall power to regulate theire Toune affaires as other Tounes of this Jurisdiction have./

KEENE.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Upper Ashuelot*, April 20, 1733. Incorporated as Keene, April 11, 1753, and named in honor of Sir Benjamin Keene. The northeast corner was comprised in the limits of Sullivan, incorporated Sept. 27, 1787. Another portion, with parts of Nelson and Marlborough, went to make up the town of Roxbury, Dec. 9, 1812. A part of Swanzey was annexed, Dec. 10, 1812. An act was passed July 1, 1868, by which the town of Roxbury was to be annexed to Keene, whenever the provisions of the act were adopted by a majority of voters in both towns, but this has not yet been done. A city charter was granted in 1865, but was not accepted till July 3, 1873.

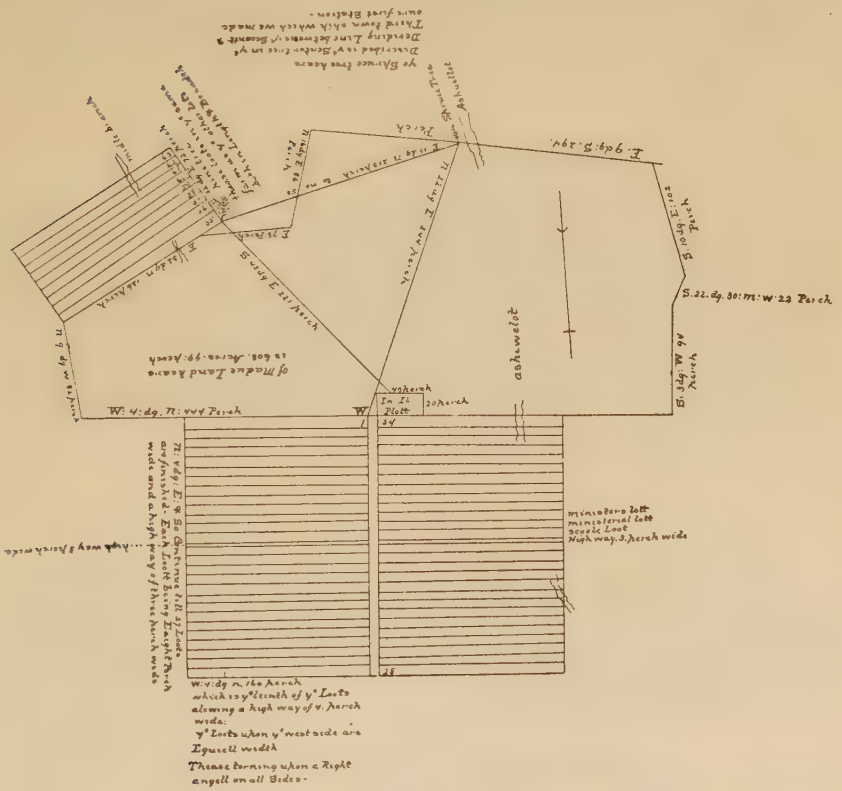
See New Hampshire charters following; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 306; Index to Laws, 268; Annals of the Town, from 1734 to 1790, 2, Collections of the N. H. Historical Society, p. 71; same, with corrections, additions, and a continuation from 1790 to 1815, pub. 1851, pp. 120; sketch, by J. N. McClintock, Granite Monthly, Vol. 3, p. 548, and Vol. 4, p. 499; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 24.]

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 8, 1736.]

A Petition of *Elisha Root*, *Isaac Power*, *John Corbett*, and sundry others, Proprietors, and some of them Inhabitants of the upper Township on *Ashuelot River* in the County of *Hampshire*, shewing that a Committee of this Court appointed in the Year 1733, to admit Settlers or Proprietors, on the *6th.* of *June* 1734, received and admitted the Petitioners as Proprietors to the Number of Sixty, who received their Lots or Drafts and paid the Sum ordered at their Admittance, that by force there of they have assembled at sundry times since, under sundry Adjournments from their first meeting the *7th.* of *June* 1734, and have made and passed several Votes for carrying on the Settlement of the said Township agreable to the Intent of the Grant, an account of their Proceedings accompanying the Petition, praying the Order and Authority of

the Court for Establishing the said Meetings and Orders, and Votes therein made, for the reasons mentioned. Read and *Ordered*, That Capt. *Hobson*, Col. *Alden*, and Col. *Church*, be a Committee to take this Petition under Consideration, and report their Opinion of what may be proper for the Court to do thereon.

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 8, p. 15.]



LEMPSTER.

[This was *Number* 9 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735–6. Granted by New Hampshire as *Dupplin*, Jan. 1, 1753, to Samuel Clark Pain and others. Regranted Oct. 5, 1761, to Benadam Gallop and others, and incorporated as Lempster. Regranted Jan. 5, 1767, to Dudley Woodbridge and others. The charter was renewed Jan. 21, 1772. A portion of this town was included in the incorporation of Goshen, Dec. 27, 1791. The line between Lempster and Washington was established Nov. 27, 1812.

See New Hampshire charters following; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 466; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 396; Index to Laws, 285; historical sketch, by Helen Bingham, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 185.]

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 8, 1737.]

A Petition of *Samuel Lyscomb*, *Jonathan Dwight* and *Thomas Cutler*, a Committee in behalf and by order of the Proprietors of the Township Number *Nine* in the Line of Towns between the Rivers of *Connecticut* and *Merrimack*, praying they may be allowed to make a Pitch of another Township, the said Township Number *Nine* upon a late View in order for laying out the Home-Lots being look'd on as impracticable for Settlement, according to the Conditions of the Grant. Read and referred to the *May* Session for Consideration.

[Mass. House Journals, June 13, 1738.]

Ordered, That the Petition of *Samuel Lyscomb*, *Jonathan Dwight*, & *Thomas Cutler*, a Committee of the Proprietors of the Township Number *Nine*, in the Line of Towns, as entred the eighth of *December* last, and referred, be further referred to the next sitting of the Court.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 6, 1738.]

Ordered, That the Petition of *Samuel Lyscomb*, and others, a Committee of the Proprietors of the Township Number *Nine* in the Line of Towns, as entred the 8*th* of *December* and 14*th* of *June* last and referred, be further referred to the next sitting of the Court.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 12, 1738.]

A Petition of *Leonard Lockman*, Esq; shewing that he purchased, paid for, and gave Bond to settle divers Rights or Shares of Land in the Township Number *Nine* in the Line of Towns, since which it is manifest the said Lands are accounted not worth settling, so that he is without remedy if he cannot obtain Recompence, praying for an Equivalent in other Lands of the Province in such Quantity as to the Wisdom of the Court shall seem meet. Read and *Ordered*, That this Petition be referred to the next sitting of the Court, to be considered with the Petition of *Samuel Lyscomb*, and others, a Committee in behalf of the other Proprietors of said Township, as entred the *6th* currant.

[Mass. House Journal, July 3, 1739.]

The Petition of *Samuel Lyscomb*, *Jonathan Dwight*, *Thomas Cutler*, and others, for themselves and the other Grantees or Proprietors of the Township Number *Nine*, in the Line of Towns, praying they may obtain another Grant of a Township by reason of the badness of Number *Nine*, as entred the *4th* of *December* 1737, the *13th* of *June* and *6th* of *December* 1738. Read and *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred further to the next sitting of the Court for Consideration.

[*Vote and List of Grantees of Lempster, 1750.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 115, p. 839.]

At a Great and General Court held in Boston, the Twenty Fourth Day of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Six, the following Vote passed the Two Houses, and was Consented to by the Governour—Viz^{t}

Voted, That m^{r} Samuel Lyscom be and hereby is fully Authorized and Impowered to Assemble and Convene the Grantees or Proprietors of the Township Number Nine, lying in the Line of Towns between the Rivers of Connecticut and Merrimack, to assemble in such Place as they shall be Notified and warned to Convene and Assemble at, To Choose a Moderator and Clerk, and

Committee to Allot and Divide their Lands & to dispose of the same, and to pass such Votes and Orders as by them may be thought Conducive for the speedy fulfilment of the Conditions of their Grants, And also to agree upon Methods for calling of Meetings for the future, Provided None of their Votes concerning the Dividing or Disposing of their Lands, that shall be passed, while they are under the Direction of the Committee of this Court, shall be of Force before they are allowed of by the said Committee

A True Copy taken from the Book of Records belonging to the Grantees of the Township Number Nine

Attest Josiah Peirce { Clark for the Grantees of N° 9—

A List of the Names of the Grantees of the Township N° 9——

Samuel Lyscom	Daniel Hastings	Elisha Maynard
Edward Child	Asher Rice	John Warren
Nathan Brigham	Aaron Brigham	Israel Walker
Joseph Dwight	Jonathan Dwight	Nathanael Sever
John Goddard	John Woodward	Josiah Browne
Thomas Cutler jun^{r}	Leonard Lockman	George Lockman
Ascan Lockman	Lewis Lockman	Augustus Lockman
William Lockman	John Ellis	Samuel Dwight
Daniel Dwight	Nathanael Dwight	Timothy Harris
John Harris	Samuel Cutler	Joseph Winchester
William Cutler	Abraham Nickols	Henry Bright
Jonathan Pool	Zechariah Filegg	Isaac Snowe
John Overing	Amos Bond	Henry Spring
Ephraim Cutler	Zebulun Hastings	Benjamin Hastings
Samuel Whitney	John Fisk	Joseph Bridge
Josiah Shattock	Peter Wyman	Thomas Warren
Josiah Perry	Thaddeus Bond	Ephraim Perry
Josiah Peirce	Joseph Wellington	Ebenezer Davis
David Stratton	Jonathan Hammond	Joseph Dix
Thomas Wellington	Benjamin Lee	Ebenezer Stone

I know not That any of the Grantees have fulfilled the Conditions of their Grants—The Reason of y^{e} Neglect is, The Grantees employ'd a Committee to view the Township, & to lay out House Lots: who after viewing the same, Reported to the Grantees, That in their Judgment it was Utterly Impossible to be Inhabited as a Town; and therefore they laid out no Lots. Upon which the Grantees made Choice of a Committee to Petition the Great and

General Court for a New Township in the Room of Number Nine at a Meeting December 6, 1737. Which Committee, I have often heard, Obtained, That the Grantees should be saved harmless from their Bonds by a Vote of the Great and General Court. But have not been able to procure that Vote.——

Josiah Peirce Proprietors Clerk

Hampshire ss } Josiah Peirce Subscriber to the above Copies and Mar. 23. 1750 } Account relating to the Township Number Nine made Oath that they were True before me

Rich^{d} Crouch Jus^{t} Peace

LITCHFIELD.

[This was originally a part of Old Dunstable, known as *Naticook* or *Brenton's Farm*. Granted by Massacusetts July 9, 1729, to John Richardson and others. The present name was adopted July 3, 1734. Incorporated as Litchfield, June 5, 1749.

See New Hampshire charters following; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 467; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 414; Index to Laws, 292; historical sketch, by E. F. McQuesten, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 486. Consult authorities cited under title of Dunstable.]

[Mass. Court Records, July 9, 1729.]

A Petition of John Richardson, Joseph Blanchard & divers others, being some of the Proprietors of a Tract of Land in the Town of Dunstable called Naticook or Brenton's Farm, Praying for a Grant of Province Lands adjacent to the said Farm, of the Contents of about twenty one square miles lying on both sides of Merrimack River. Beginning on the East Bank of said River, Northward of said Farm, & to extend as the Line of said Farm runs, three miles; thence Northerly according to the general Course of the River, three miles; thence Westerly to said River, & to continue on the same Point four miles Westerly of said River; thence Southerly on a Line parallel to the general Course of the said River till it meets with Merrimack River, Which Tract of Land they will settle with Families as soon as they can have Encouragement for the same.

In the House of Represent^{ves} Read & *Voted* that the Prayer of the Petition be granted, & the Lands are hereby granted to the Petitioners & their associates accordingly; Provided they shall

within three years lay out Sixty House Lots compacted & in a defensible manner, & set a part one Lot for the first settled Minister, one for the Ministry & one for the School, & settle fifty Families on the Place, each to build a House on his Lot, & Fence & break up three Acres of Land, & the Society settle a learned orthodox Minister, & build a Meeting house for the Worship of God within the Term; And that Major John Chandler, & M[r] John Hobson be a Committee fully impowered to set off to the Grantees the Contents of Twenty one square miles; & that then the Grantees have Power to chuse a Committee among themselves to manage the Affairs of the Plantation until they shall be erected into a Township by this Court; The Charge of laying out the Land to be defrayed by the Grantees; who are not allowed to make Sale of the Land within the said Term, & unless the Conditions be complied with within the Term, the Lands shall be forfeited to the Province.—

In Council; Read & Concur'd—

[Mass. House Journal, June 9, 1731.]

A Petition of *Jonas Clark*, *Joseph Underwood* and *Caleb Blogget*, in behalf of themselves and the other Subscribers, part of whom are Petitioners in a Petition called, *The addition to* Naticook *Farm to make it a Township;* and part belonging to a Petition called, *Amaskeeg Petition;* praying, That they may have a Tract of Land granted them for a Township, agreeable to the Bounds set forth in the Petition, and that they may have a Committee chosen among themselves, to lot out the same, and manage the Affairs thereof, for Reasons mentioned. Read.

[Mass. House Journal, Aug. 13, 1731.]

A Petition of *Jonas Clark*, *Joseph Underwood* and *Caleb Blogget*, in behalf of themselves and the other Subscribers, part of whom are Petitioners in a Petition called *The Petition to* Naticook Farm *to make it a Township*, and part belonging to a Petition called *Amaskeag Petition*, praying, That a Tract of Land within the following Bounds, may be granted them for a Town-

ship, *viz. Southerly* by *Dunstable* Line, and *Souhegan* River, *Westerly* by the *Narraganset* Township, a parallel Line to *Piscataquogy* River, and by said River to *Merimack* River, and from *Merimack* River to run *Eastward* Three Miles, then turning about *Southerly*, according to the Course of said *Merimack* River, until it comes to *Dunstable* Line first mentioned, for Reasons mentioned in the Petition.

Read, and *Ordered*, That Mr. *Chandler*, Mr. *Lynde* and Capt. *Goddard* be a Committee to consider thereof, and Report what may be proper to be done thereon.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 10, 1731.]

A Memorial of *Benjamin Woodbridge* and *Thomas Arnold*, for themselves and as Agents on behalf of the several Petitioners Subscribers to a Petition exhibited in the Year 1726 praying, that the Court would revive the said Petition, and that (for the Reasons therein mentioned, and what further may be added) they would grant the Prayer thereof. Read, together with the Petition above referred to, as also the Report of the Committee appointed the last Session, to consider of the Petition of *Joseph Underwood* and others, praying, that a Tract of Land *North* of *Dunstable* on both sides *Merrimack* River, may be granted for a Township, as entred the 13th of *August*, and 6th of *October* last, and the House came into the following Order, *viz.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Shove* and Mr. *Samuel Chandler*, be a Committee to take a Survey of all the Land lying between *Dunstable North* and *Suncook South* Line, Three Miles *East* of Merrimack River, and Four Miles *West* thereof, so as not to interfere with the *Narraganset* Township, view and consider the Nature and Quality of the said Land, and whether the same will accommodate three Townships, and make Report as soon as may be,

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 10, 1731.]

A Memorial of *Caleb Blogget*, in behalf of himself and others, Petitioners for a Tract of Land for a Township on *Merrimack* River, joining to *Dunstable*, (as by a Petition in *May* 1731 will

appear) praying, That their said Petition may be taken into Consideration, and that they may have the Land granted them, agreeable to the following Bounds, *viz*. *Southerly* on *Dunstable* Line, and *Souheag* River, and so to run up *Merrimack* River, taking in Three Miles on the *East* side and on the *West* side, unto the Bounds of the *Narraganset* Township, until it includes so much Land as will make up the Contents of Six Miles square, for Reasons mentioned. Read.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 26, 1731–2.]

Ordered, That Mr. *Shove*, Mr. *Welles* and Mr. *Samuel Chandler*, be a Committee to take under Consideration, the Memorial of *Caleb Blogget*, and the Petition therein referred to, entred the 15th. as also the Memorial of *George Brown* and others, entred the 19th Instant, and Report what may be proper to be done thereon.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 28, 1731–2.]

Mr. *Shove* from the Committee appointed the 26th Instant, to consider of the Memorial of *Caleb Blogget*, the Petition of *Joseph Underwood*, and the Memorial of *George Brown* and others. Reported, Read, Accepted, and Accordingly *Ordered*, That the Consideration of the said Memorials, and the several Petitions therein referred to, as also any other Petitions respecting the Land within mentioned, be and hereby are referred to the Session of this Court in *May* next; and that in the mean Time Mr. *Samuel Chandler* and Mr. *John Longley*, with such as shall be joined by the Honourable Board be a Committee carefully to view the Land from *Souhegan* River and *Brenton's* Farm so called, on both sides of *Merrimack* River to *Suncook* Township, *viz*. Three Miles on the *East* side of the said River, and Four Miles on the *West* side thereof, at all places where it may be without infringing upon the *Narraganset* Town, and by a Surveyor and Chain-Men under Oath, survey the same, and present a Plan thereof to this Court at their said Session, as also Report the Quantity, Quality and Conveniency thereof, and how many Towns it will conveniently make: And if they find any Person or Persons improving or preparing to settle the said Land, without Leave from this Court, that they do

in their Name forbid their Proceeding or continuing in such Improvement.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, June 14, 1733.]

A Petition of the Proprietors of *Naticook* Lands or *Brenton's* Farm for themselves and the other Proprietors of said Lands and their associates, willing and ready to settle said Lands, praying that the additional Grant to said Farm on both sides *Merrimack* River of the contents of twenty one square Miles, passed both Houses in their favour in *July* 1729. may be now revived and confirmed to them, and they be obliged to settle the same in the manner directed to in the vote of *July* aforesaid, and that they may have liberty to chuse a Committee among themselves for bringing forward and perfecting the Settlement accordingly. Read and referred to the next sitting of the Court.

[Mass. House Journal, March 1, 1733–4.]

A Petition of *Caleb Lyman*, *Francis Borland*, and sundry others Proprietors of *Naticook* Lands and Lands adjoining on each side *Merrimack*, partly in *Dunstable*, and partly in *Nottingham*, praying that the said Lands as described in the Petition may be erected into a Township, for the reasons mentioned. Read and *Ordered*, That the Petitioners serve the Towns of Dunstable and Nottingham with copies of this Petition, that they shew cause, if any they have, on the first Thursday of the next sitting of the Court, why the prayer thereof should not be granted.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 5, 1734.]

A Petition of the Heirs of Cap^{t} Samuel Gallop Cap^{t} of a Company in the Expedition to Canada in the Year 1690 & of his surviving officers & soldiers and heirs of such as are deceased shewing the Hardships & Miserys the said Company underwent and

the little Consideration they have had therefor & Praying for a Tract of Land for a Township—

In the House of Representatives Read & Ordered that the within Petition be Revived and in answer thereto *Voted* that there be allowed to the Cap^{t} within mentioned or to his Legal Represent^{a} three hundred Acres and to the Lieut. or his Legal Represent^{a} two hundred & fifty acres & to the Ensign or his Legal Represent^{a} Two hundred acres & so to the Rest of the Officers & Soldiers (excepting Will^{m} Hack) born on the Roll within mentioned or to their Legal Represent^{a} One hundred & fifty Acres being in the whole seven Thousand & two hundred Acres of land not already Appropriated at a place Called Naticook (above the said place) On the Eastern side of Merrimack River not Extending above three Miles from the River & Return a Plat there of to this Court within twelve months for Confirmation Provided Nevertheless that in Case any one or more of the officers and Soldiers do not appear by himself or Legal Represent^{a} within one Year that then his or their parts shall Remain & belong to the Province as if no such Grant had been made—

In Council Read & Non Concurr'd

[Mass. Court Records, June 6, and House Journal, June 5, 1734.]

A Petition of the Proprietors of Naticook & Lands Adjoyning thereto on the East & west sides of Merrimack River partly in the Town of Dunstable & partly in the Town of Nottingham shewing that the said Lands are Commodiously Situated for a Township and the Proprietors have Supported a Minister there for some time past and therefore Praying that the said Lands may be Erected into a Township

In the House of Represent^{a} Read & ordered that the pet^{rs} Serve the Towns of Dunstable & Nottingham with Copys of this petition that they shew Cause if any they have on Wednesday the Nineteenth day of June Currant if the Court be then Sitting if not on the first Tuesday of the next Sitting of the Court why the prayer thereof should not be Granted

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, June 20, 1734.]

Jacob Wendell, Esq; brought down the Petition of Messieurs *Caleb Lyman* and others, Proprietors of *Naticook* Lands so called, and other Lands adjacent; praying they may be erected into a Township, as entred the fifth currant, Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *June* 19, 1734. Read again, together with the answer of the Towns of *Dunstable*, and *Nottingham*, and *Ordered*, That the prayer of this Petition be so far granted, as that the Petitioners be and hereby are erected into a separate and distinct Township, conformable to the bounds mentioned in an agreement between the Petitioners, and the Towns aforesaid, and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly. Sent down for Concurrence. Read and Concur'd.

[Mass. House Journal, June 24, 1734.]

A Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting certain Lands at a place called* Naticook, *with other Lands adjoining lying on each side the River* Merrimack, *into a Township by the Name of* ——
Read a first time.

[Mass. House Journal, June 25, 1734.]

A Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting certain Lands at a place called* Naticook, *with other Lands adjoining, lying on each side the River* Merrimack, *into a Township by the Name of* ———
Read a second time and a third time, and pass'd to be Engross'd.
Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, June 27, 1734.]

Josiah Willard, Esq; brought down the Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting certain Lands at a place called* Naticook, *with other Lands adjoining, lying on each side the River* Merrimack, *into a Township by the Name of* — Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *June* 25*th.* 1734. Read a first time. 27*th.* Read a second time and pass'd a Concurrence with the Amendments.
Sent down for Concurrence. Read and Concur'd.

[Mass. Court Records, June 27, 1734.]

A Bill Entituled an Act for Erecting Certain Lands at a place Called Naticook, with other lands Adjoyning, lying on each Side of the River Merrimack, into a Township by the name of — — —

In Council Read a first & Second time & Passed to be Engross'd

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[Mass. Court Records, July 3, 1734.]

An Engross'd Bill Entituled an Act for Erecting Certain Lands at a place Called Naticook with other lands Adjoyning lying on each side of Merrimack River into a Township by the name of Litchfield—

Having been Read three Several times in the House of Represent[a] and in Council—Passed to be Enacted by both Houses———

In the House of Represent[a] *Ordered* that M[r] Aquila Underwood one of the principal Inhabitants of the New Township at Naticook and Lands Adjacent be and hereby is fully authorized & Impowred to Assemble the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Township lawfully Qualified to Chuse Town officers to stand untill the Anniversary Meeting in March next———

In Council Read and Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, July 3, 1734.]

An Engross'd Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting certain Lands at a place called* Naticook, *with other Lands adjoyning, lying on each side the River* Merrimack, *into a Township by the name of*—

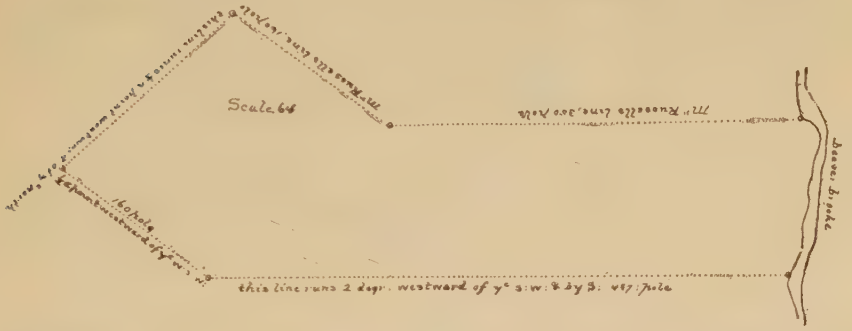
Read and *Resolved*, That the Bill pass to be Enacted.

Ordered, That Mr. *Aquilla Underwood* one of the principal Inhabitants of the new Township at *Naticook* and Lands adjacent be, and hereby is fully authorized and impowred to assemble the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Township lawfully qualified to choose Town Officers, to stand until the anniversary meeting in *March* next. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, July 4, 1734.]

An Engross'd Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting certain Lands at a place called* Naticook, *with other Lands adjoyning, lying on each side the River* Merrimack, *into a Township by the Name of* Litchfield.

[Grant to Billerica, Mass.]



Billerica, their farme of five hundred acres, laid out on y^e^ north of merimack [torn] Joyning to north & northwesterly part of y^e^ farme of Richard Russell Esqui^r^. This is y^e^ last parsell of that four thousand acres, formerly granted by this Honoured Court to y^e^ Towne of Billerica.

Laidout 3^m^ 67 : By Jonathan Danforth, Survey^r^

[Mass. Map and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 34.]

Laidout to the towne of Billerica, five hundred acres of land, in the wilderness, on y^e^ north side of Merimack River and on the east side of beaver Brooke, a little below Patuckett, It is bounded on the South and on y^e^ South East wholly by lands formerly granted to Richard Russell Esqui^r^: and on y^e^ west by y^e^ aforesaid beaver brooke, else where by y^e^ wilderness, y^e^ line on y^e^ east side of it, is 196 pole in length, runing half a point westward of y^e^ north, which is (exactly) y^e^ continuance of y^e^ long line on y^e^ east side M^r^ Russells, farme, also both the line on the north side of it, are exactly parralell to y^e^ lines on the south side of it, the most northerly of which is one hundred & sixty pole longe, & runes ½ a point westward of y^e^ west south west, the other line runes two de-

grees westward, of y^e^ south west & by south four hundred & eighty seaven pole, which closeth to y^e^ brooke, all which are suffitiently bounded by mark't trees and pillars of stone, y^e^ farme there of is more fully declared on y^e^ other side by a plott taken of y^e^ same by Jonathan Danforth, Survey^r^ Laidout 3^m^ 1667.

The deputyes approuv of this returne of y^e^ five hundred acors above mentioned with refference to y^e^ consent of hono^rd^ magisty hereto William Torrey, Cleric.

The mag^tr^ consent hereto
15–8^th^ 1667 Tho Danforth

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 2.]

[Grant to Richard Davenport.]

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 23, and Court Records, June 1, 1665.]

Laidout to Captin Davenport (of the castle) one parcell of meddow in the wildernesse on y^e^ east of Merimack River, a little on the North west of Naacook brook-head, which is about two miles from Merimack River; it containes fifty ace (more or lesse) being bounded by a swamp on the North; the upland elsewhere Serrounding according to bound trees marked with <): this patch of meadow is known by y^e^ Name of half moone meadow, the forme of it is fully demonstrated by this plott which is above specified

Laidout by Jonathan Danforth Surv^r^ 20^th^ octo: 1664:

The Deputyes approve of this returne with refference to the consent of o^r^ Hon^ed^ Magists hereto

William Torrey Cleric.

Consented to by y^e^ magists

Edw Rawson Secrety

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 23.]

To the much honered Generall Court now Assembled at Boston the humble Request of yo^r^ devoted Servant Richard Davenport

Sheweth That wheras yo^{r} Servant about two or three years since was bold to move to this court for theire favo^{r} to grant mee a smale persell of meddow nere merimack River and found such encoragmt from yo^{r}selvs that the said meddow was laid out in my name and a returne thereof made to this court In octob last but finding noe Record of Any granted there was an obstruction as to the ecceptance of the returne: Now may it please this court to grant yo^{r} Servant the said meddow as it is laid out and more clearly demonstrated In a plot under M^{r} Jonathan Danforths hand and also such a smale quantity of Upland convenient to the same (that soe I may improve the same for benifit to my wife and family) as you shal be pleased to give mee, and I shall with all thankfullnes eccept yo^{r} love therin and Remaine yo^{r} most Humble

Servant R: Davenport

29 (3^{d}) 1665

The Deputies Judge meete to grant this request with refference to the consent of o^{r} Hono^{ed} magists hereto

William Torrey Cleric

29. 3. 1665 The Mag^{s} do consent hereto. and do grant him the petittaner 100. acre upland adjoyneing to his meadow their brethren the Deputyes hereto consenting

Edw Rawson Secrety

Consented to by the Deputyes

William Torrey Cleric

[Mass. Court Records, May 23, 1666.]

Laid out according to the grant of the Honoured Court to Capt Richard Davenport one hundred acres of land in the wildernesse on the eastern side of merremak river next Adjoyning to a meadow called halfe moone meadow on the west side of it it begins at the most southerly bound mark of that meadow at a great white oake marked wth D and from this tree the line runns due west ninety & six pole the line at the North end runns parrelell to the south end from another great white oake bounded wth D standing at the north west end of the meadow eighty & fower pole the west side is one streight line from Corner to Corner which line is one hundred seventy & nine pole long; the manner & forme of it lying and Adjoyning to halfe moone meadow is clearely demonstrated by a plott taken of the same. By Jonathan Danforth Surveyor

The Court allowes & Approoves of this returne to be recorded in the Courts book of Records.

[Grant to Phineas Pratt.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 7, 1662.]

In Ans^{r} to y^{e} petition of phineas Prat of charls Toune who presented this Court wth a narrative of the streights & hardships that the first planters of this Colony underwent in their endeavors to plant themselves at plimouth & since whereof he was one The Court Judgeth it meet to Graunt him three hundred acres of land where it is to be had not hindering a plantation.

[Mass. Court Records, June 1, 1665.]

Layd out to Phineas Pratt of Charls Toune three hundred acres of land (more or lesse) in the wilderness on the East of merremack River neere the upper end of Nacooke brooke on the South East of it it beging at a great sare Pine standing anent the midle of nacooke pond & Joyneth to the line of five hundred acres of land lately granted to the Towne of Billirrikey on the South of it ninety sixe pole & so continues a streight line two hundred & sixe pole further unto a white oake bounded wth P from thence it turnes under the side of a great hill one hundred fifty & two pole unto another white oake marked wth P. which stands on the North side of an other great hill & on the South Corner of a litle Swampe./ from thence it runns neere the west & by South two hundred pole to a great Red oake bounded as before from thence the closing line to the first Pine is two hundred & ninety pole the exact forme of it together wth the rule of finding the exact lines is fully demonstrated by this inclosed platt taken of the same 20 8 m^{o} 1664. By Jonathan Danforth Surveior.

The Court Allows & approoves of this Returne./

LONDONDERRY.

[Formerly known as *Nutfield*. Granted June 21, 1722, to John Moor and others, and named Londonderry for Londonderry in Ireland. The town was divided into two parishes, Feb. 25, 1740–1. Windham was set off and incorporated, Feb. 12, 1742–3. The northwest portion of the town, with other territory, was incorporated as Derryfield (now Manchester), Sept. 3, 1751. A portion was annexed to Hudson, March 6, 1778. Another part of the town was annexed to Windham, Sept. 26, 1777, and Samuel Clark, with his estate, was also set off to Windham, Nov. 26, 1778. The line between these two towns was established, Nov. 22, 1782. A third section was annexed to Windham, Dec. 25, 1805. Derry was set off and incorporated, July 2, 1827. The line with Hudson was established June 27, 1857.

See New Hampshire charters following: IX, Bouton Town Papers, 479; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 429; Index to Laws, 296; Farmer's Belknap's History of New Hampshire, p. 191; Petition of Inhabitants, 1719, 5, Collections of the N. H. Historical Society, 206; Century Sermon, containing historical sketch of town, by Edward L. Parker, 1819, pp. 44; History of, including Derry, by Edward L. Parker, 1851, pp. LV. and 358; Celebration of 150th Anniversary, 1869, compiled by Robert C. Mack, pub. 1870, pp. 124; Centennial Discourse, 1876, by Luther D. Pert, pp. 29; historical sketch, by Robert C. Mack, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 565; sketch, 4, Granite Monthly, p. 125.]

[Mass. House Journal, Nov. 15, 1720.]

A Petition of *Joseph Pike*, in behalf of himself and others, that Purchased a Tract of Land of *John* an *Indian*, Heir of *Penicook*, in the year 1701. which Tract is Ten Miles Square, Lying to the Westward of *Haverhill*. Presented to the House, And Read

Shewing That sundry *Irish* People have Settled thereon and call it *Nutfield*.

Praying, That the said Purchasers may have the said Tract Confirmed to them, or so much as falls within this Government.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cooke*, Capt. *Gardner*, and Col. *Dudley*, be a Committee to consider of the said Petition, and of the affair of *Nutfield*, and make a Report to the House what they think proper to be done.

[Mass. House Journal, Nov. 17, 1720.]

Mr. *Cooke* from the Committee appointed, made Report on the Petition of *Joseph Pike*, Committed the 15th Currant, which was accepted by the House, And accordingly

Ordered, That whereas *James MacGregor*, *James MacKeen*, and *James Gregg*, on behalf of themselves, and sundry others, by their Petition to this Court, at their Sessions in *May*, 1719. set forth that the Court in *October* foregoing, Granted them a convenient Tract of Land, of six miles square, and appointed a Committee to Lay it out for them in the *Eastern* Parts; and upon further Inquiry the Petitioners found a more convenient Tract of Land, about fourteen Miles from *Haverhill*; and that they had begun a Settlement there, and had increased to the Number of Fifty Families; and therefore *Pray'd*, that in case the Land should Lye within this Government, they might be formed into a Township, and till then, quietly possess and improve the said Lands unappropriated, free and clear from any Disburse. Which Petition was rejected.

And that some time since they have applied to the Government of *New-Hampshire*, and are made by them a Township, and have Civil Officers among them, for Governing their Affairs; which is a great and open breach upon the Jurisdiction of this Government, and may tend to deprive them of their just Rights, and Proprieties, if not speedily prevented.

And whereas Joseph Pike, *on behalf of himself, and others Inhabitants of this Province have made application, for a Grant of those Lands for a Township.*

Wherefore Resolved, That Capt. *Gardner*, Capt. *Kimball*, and Mr. *Sanders*, be Desired and Impowered (taking with them the Sheriff of the County of *Essex*; and such a Number of Men from *Haverhill*, or those Parts as may be needful) to Repair to the aforesaid Land, and view the several Houses, and other Improvements that have been of late made by those people thereon; and report the same to this House, & at the same time signifie to the said *James MacGregor*, *James MacKeen*, and *James Gregg*, That they without delay come to the Court, and render the Reasons that induced them to proceed so far in their Settlements, without the leave or consent first had of the General Court. That this Court may take such further steps in this Matter, as they shall then think fit.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 2, 1720.]

A Message from the Board, by *John Wheelwright*, Esqr. and Mr. Secretary *Willard*. *Viz.*

His Excellency observing a Mistake in the Votes of this Honourable House, of *November* 17. relating to *Nutfield*, in these words, *And that some time since they have applied to the Government of* New-Hampshire, *and are made by them a Township*, has directed us to acquaint you, that upon application made to him, and the Government of *New-Hampshire*, That they might be made a Town; his Excellency absolutely refused; giving them for reason, that it was doubtful, in which Province the Lands they were Settled on would fall.

And Col. *Wheelwright* acquainted the House, That he was present when the *Nutfield* People, Addrest themselves to the Governour and Council at *New-Hampshire*, to be made a Town, and that they were denied.

LYNDEBOROUGH.

[Granted by Massachusetts, June 19, 1735, to Capt. Samuel King and others, and called *Salem-Canada*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 5, 1753, to Benjamin Lynde and others, and named Lyndeborough in honor of Benjamin Lynde. Incorporated April 23, 1764. A portion of the town, with other territory, was incorporated as Greenfield, June 15, 1791. Another portion was annexed to Temple, June 11, 1796. The northeasterly part was annexed to Mont Vernon, Jan. 5, 1853. A tract from the southerly side was annexed to Milford, June 27, 1873.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 535; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 509; Index to Laws, 301; historical sketch, by David C. Grant, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 498; Historical Address, 150th Anniversary of Settlement, 1889, by Frank G. Clarke, pub. 1891, pp. 68.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 18, 1735.]

Col. *Chandler* from the Committee for Lands, reported on the Petition of *Samuel King*, and others, who were in the Expedition to *Canada* in the Year 1690, or the descendants of such as were lost or are since dead; which was read and accepted, and *Voted*, That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and that Mr. *Samuel Chandler* and Capt. *John Hobson*, together with such as shall be joined by the honourable Board, be a Committee at the Charge of the Government, to lay out a Township of the contents of six miles square, West of the *Narragansett*-Township, Number *Three*; and

that they return a Plat thereof to this Court, within twelve months for Confirmation; and for the effectual bringing forward the Settlement of the said Town; *Ordered*, That the said Town be laid out into sixty three equal shares, one of which to be for the first settled Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for the School, and that on each of the other sixty shares the Petitioners do within three years from the Confirmation of the Plan, have settled one good Family, who shall have an House built on his Home-Lot of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least, that each Right or Grant have six acres of Land brought to and plowed or brought to English Grass and fitted for mowing, that they settle a learned and orthodox Minister, and build and finish a convenient Meeting-House for the publick Worship of GOD, provided that in case any of the Lots or Rights are not duly settled in all regards as aforesaid, then such Lot with the Rights thereof to revert to and be at the disposition of the Province. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 19, 1735.]

A Petition of Samuel King & others, who were in the Expedition to Canada in the Year 1690 and the Descendants of such of them as are dead, praying for a Grant of Land for a Township in Consideration of their or their Ancestors Sufferings in the said Expedition——

In the House of Represent[a] Read & *Voted* that the prayer of the petition be Granted and that M[r] Samuel Chandler & M[r] John Hobson, together with such as shall be Joined by the Hon[ble] Board, be a Com[tee] at the Charge of the Government to lay out a Township of the Contents of Six Miles Square and West of the Narragansett Town Called Number three and that they Return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation; and for the more Effectual bringing forward the Settlement of the said New town, *Ordered* that the said Town be laid out into Sixty three Equal Shares, One of which to be for the first Settled Minister, One for the Ministry, and one for the School, and that on each of the other Sixty Shares the Petitioners do within three Years from the Confirmation of the Plan have Settled One Good family who shall have a house built on his Home lott of Eighteen feet Square and Seven feet Stud at the least, and finished, that each Right or Grant have Six Acres of Land brought to and

plowed or brought to English Grass and fitted for mowing; That they Settle a learned orthodox Minister and build & finish a Convenient meeting house for the publick worship of God; provided that in Case any of the Lotts or Rights are not duly Settled in all Regards as aforesaid, then such Lott with the Rights thereof to Revert to and be at the Disposition of the Province

In Council Read & Concurr'd and Samuel Welles Esq^{r} is Joined in the Affair

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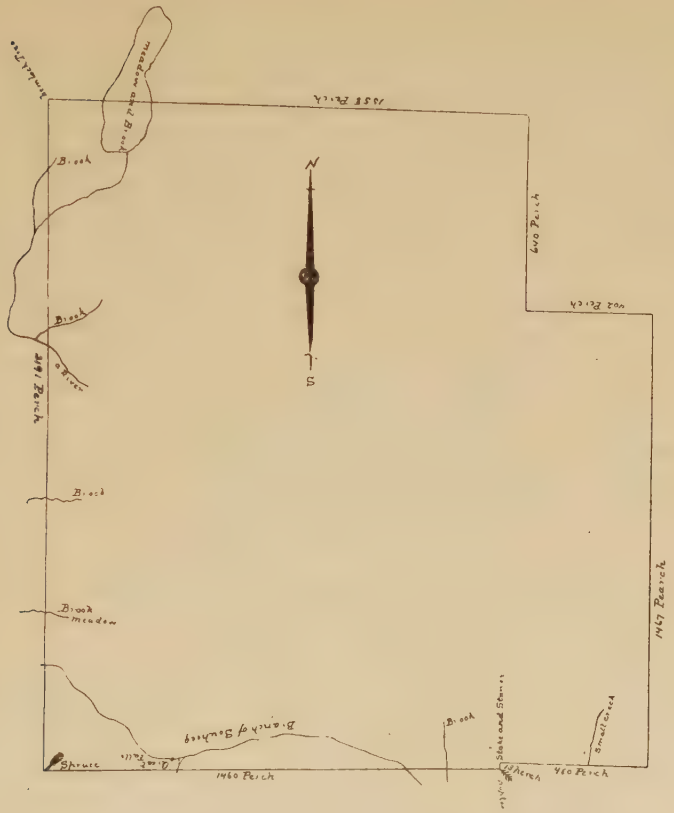
[Mass. House Journal, June 1, 1736.]

A Plat of the contents of six miles square of Land with an allowance of one thousand and eighteen acres for Waste &c. surveyed and laid out by *Stephen Hosmer*, jun. Surveyor, and two Chain men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court of the 18*th.* of *June* last, in answer to the Petition of *Samuel King* and others, Officers and Soldiers in the *Canada* Expedition *Anno* 1690, and their descendants &c. was presented for allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the Officers and Soldiers mentioned in the Petition of the said *Samuel King* and others, and the heirs legal Representatives and Descendants of such of them as were lost, or deceased in or since the *Canada* Expedition *Anno* 1690, and to their heirs and assigns respectively for ever, they complying with the Conditions of the Grant; provided the Plat contain no more than the quantity of twenty four thousand and fifty eight acres of Land, and does not interfere with any former Grant; the said Lands lying West of *Salem Narragansett* Town number *Three*, on the North of *Souheeg River*, beginning at a Spruce Tree and runs North by the Needle two thousand one hundred ninety one Perch on Province Land, and then East on Province Land to said Township of *Salem*, South on the Township of *John Simpson* and others, West on *Duxbury* School Farm.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 10, p. 21.]



23040 acres and 1018 acres allowed for water, &c.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay Sc^{t} in the Township granted to Samuel King & others in the County of Middlesex May 4th 1736 M^{r} Stephen Hossmer Jun^{r} was Sworn to the faithfull discharge of his duty as Surveyor & Mess^{rs} Jonathan Mills, Joseph Dudley & James Chandler were Sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty as chainmen in surveying & laying out the Township delineated on this paper granted to Samuel King & others as aforesaid

Coram Samuel Welles Just Pac^{s}

Layd out In May 1736 a Township of the Contents of Six Miles Square or 23040 acres and 1018 acres allowed for water &c which was Lay'd out To Sam[ll] King and others Canada Soldiers In the year 1690 Lying on the west of Salem Naragansett Town No 3 on the North Side of the Souheeg River Bounded as folows Beginning at a Spruse Tree and Runs North By the Needle 2191 Perch on Province Land To a hemlock Tree marked then Runs East 1558 Pearch on Province Land To a Township adjoyning To and Lying North of Salem Naragansett Town No 3 then Runs South on Said Township 640 perch to Township, granted to John Simpson & Others Then Runs East on s[d] Town ship 402 perch To a stake & Stones then Runs South 1467 Perch on Said Salem Naragansett Town then Runs west 480 Perch on Duxbury School Farm to a stake and heap of Stones then Runs South 13 Perch on Said Farm To a popler Tree Marked then Runs west 1460 perch To the Spruse Tree First Named on Provence Land all which May appear By the plan above Layd Down by a Scale of 216 Pearch To an Inch the Swagg of Chain In this Town ship is 3 perch In one Hundred: by order of the Honourable Sam[ll] Welles Esq[r] and Mr Sam[ll] Chandler

℔ Stephen Hosmer Junr Surveyor

In the House of Representatives June 1, 1736 Read and Ordered that the plat be Accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the officers and soldiers mentioned in the petition of the said Samuel King and others, and the Heirs, legal Representatives and Descendants of such of them as are lost or deceased in or since the Canada Expedition Anno 1690, and to their Heirs & Assigns respectively for ever they complying with the Conditions of the Grant provided the plat contains no more than the quantity of twenty four thousand & fifty Eight Acres of Land, and does not interfere with any former Grant. The said Land lying West of Salem Narraganset town Number three on the North of Souheeg River begining at a spruce Tree & runs North by the Needle 2191 perch on province Land, & then East on province Land to Salem Narraganset Township Number three South on the township of John Simpson and others, West on Duxbury School ffarm

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Spkr

In Council June 2 1736 Read and Concurred

J Willard Sec'ry

17: Consented to, J. Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, June 2, 1736.]

A plat of a Township of the Contents of Six Miles Square, with the Allowance of One Thousand & Eighteen Acres for Water &c. Surveyed & Laid out by Stephen Hosmer jun^{r} and Chainmen on Oath, to Satisfy a Grant made by this Court in Answer to the petition of Samuel King & others; lying on the West of Salem Narraganset Town Number three, on the North side of Soheag River; bounded as follows, beginning at a Spruce Tree & Runs North by the Needle Two Thousand One hundred & Ninety One perch on province Land to a hemlock Tree Marked; then Runs East one Thousand five hundred & fifty Eight perch on province Land to a Township Adjoyning to & lying North of the said Narragansett Town Number three; then Runs South on said Township Six hundred and forty perch to the Township Granted to John Simpson and others, then Runs East on said Township four hundred and two perch to a Stake & Stones then Runs South One Thousand four hundred and Sixty Seven perch on said Narragansett Town, then Runs West four hundred & Eighty perch on Duxbury School farm to a Stake and heap of Stones; then Runs South thirteen perch on said Farm to a poplar Tree marked; thence Runs West One Thousand four hundred and Sixty perch to the Spruce tree first named on province Land—

[Mass. Court Records, and House Journal, Dec. 17, 1736.]

In the House of Represent^{a} *Ordered* that Daniel Epes Esq^{r}: be and hereby is Authorized & Impowred to assemble & Convene as soon as may be in Some Convenient place in the Town of Salem the proprietors or Grantees of the Township granted by this Court in June 1735, in Answer to the petition of Samuel King & others, who were in the Canada Expedition Anno 1690, to Chuse A Moderator & proprietors Clerk, & to pass such Votes & Orders &c as may be Agreeable to the bringing forward the Settlement of the Township, According to the Conditions of the Grant, as well as the Interest of the propriety; and to Agree upon a method how to Call future proprietors Meetings, as well as to Admit the Grantees to a Draught of their Home lots——

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

MANCHESTER.

[This territory was once known as *Harrytown* or *Old Harry Town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, April 17, 1735, to Capt. William Tyng's "snow-shoe men," and hence called *Tyng's-Town*. Incorporated as *Derryfield*, Sept. 3, 1751. The first town meeting was held in John Hall's house, Sept. 23, 1751. A gore of land was annexed to the north side, Dec. 4, 1795. The name of the town was changed to Manchester, June 13, 1810. A city charter was granted July 10, 1846. "Amoskeag" was severed from Goffstown, and "Piscataquog" or "Squog" from Bedford, and annexed July 1, 1853.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes: IX, Bouton Town Papers, 151; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 540; Index to Laws, 305; History, by Chandler E. Potter, 1856, pp. 764; History, by John B. Clarke, 1875, pp. 463; sketch, 4, Granite Monthly, p. 418; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 40; brief historical sketch, compiled by Manchester Board of Trade, 1890, pp. 83.]

[Mass. House Journal, Feb. 6, 1733–4.]

A Petition of *Ephraim Hildreth* and *John Shipley*, for themselves and other Voluntiers under the Command of Capt. *William Tyng* deceased, in his March to *Winipisiocke Anno* 1704, setting forth many difficulties and hardships they underwent in said March when they killed five Indians; that the Government hath seen cause in their Wisdom to make a Grant to the heirs of the said Captain, praying that they may obtain a Grant of Lands for a Township on the West of *Dunstable* and North of *Townshend* or elsewhere of the unappropriated Lands, under such conditions and restrictions as shall be thought meet. Read and *Ordered*, That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and Mr. *Welles*, Major *Brattle*, Mr. *Choate*, Mr. *Shove*, and Mr. *Hobson* are desired to prepare a Vote for the Grant of Six Miles square of the unappropriated Lands of the Province, in some convenient place for a Township to be made the Petitioners under proper conditions and regulations for settling a Town, and that they report thereon as soon as may be.

[Mass. House Journal, Feb. 15, 1733–4.]

Mr. *Welles* from the Committee appointed the *6th.* currant to consider of the Petition of *Ephraim Hildreth*, *John Shipley* and

others under the command of Capt. *William Tyng* deceased, made report which was read and accepted, and *Voted*, That a tract of Land of the contents of six Miles square, West of *Dunstable*, and North of *Townshend* be granted to the Petitioners; and for as much as there were but forty six of those Voluntiers, it is hereby *Ordered*, That six more be admitted with them who were in the Country's Service under Capt. *Lovewell*, and omitted in the Grants made to him and Company, and are wanting to the number of sixty to be made up of those that were at the *Fort Fight* or *Long March* in the *Narragansett* War or others admitted into this Grant by this Court these Grantees actually to settle the abovesaid tract with sixty Families within four years from the Survey of this Land and acceptance thereof by this Court, each Family to have an House of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least and four acres brought to and plowed or stock'd with english Grass and fitted for mowing; the said Grantees also to lay out three Lots to draw future divisions with other Lots, one for the first Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for the School, and within said term of four years to settle a learned orthodox Minister and build a convenient House for the publick Worship of God; the above said tract of Land to be laid out under the direction of a Committee of this Court by a Surveyor and Chain-men on Oath, at the charge of the Petitioners. And whereas divers of the Persons for whose merit this Grant is made are deceased; it is therefore further *Ordered*, That in such case, the Grant shall be and belong to some one of his Male descendants, wherein preference shall be given to the eldest; and it is further *Ordered*, That those Persons shares in this Grant shall revert to the Province who shall not perform the Conditions of the Grant as above.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 14, and House Journal, Dec. 13, 1734.]

A Petition of Ephraim Hildreth & John Shipleigh for themselves & others Soldiers under the Command of Cap^{t} Will^{m} Tyng dec'ed Shewing that they Served the Province as Voluntiers in the Indian War & in the Year 1703 performed a hard & difficult March in the winter Season with Snow Shoes as far as Winnepesocket Lake & Killed Six of the Enemy that the said Company were the first that attempted to March against the Enemy with Snow Shoes

Since which the same Method has been followed with Great Success Against the Indians And therefore praying for a Grant of Land of Six miles Square for a Township for the officers & Soldiers of said Company now living & the Represent^{s} of those that are Deceased—

In the House of Represent^{a} Read & *ordered* That the peti^{rs} have leave by a Surveyor and Chainmen on Oath to Survey & lay out between the Townships of Litchfield & Suncook or Lovels Town on the East side of Merrimack River the Quantity of Six Miles Square of Land Exclusive of Robert Rands Grant and the three Farms pitched Upon by the Hon^{ble} Samuel Thaxter John Turner and William Dudley Esq^{r} to Satisfy their Grants and also Exclusive of Two hundred Acres of Land at the Most Convenient place at Ameeskeeg Falls; which is hereby Reserved for Publick use and benefit of the Inhabitants of this Province for the taking & Curing of Fish there And that they Return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation to their Pet^{rs} & their associates their heirs and assignes Respectively Provided the Grantees do Settle the abovesaid Tract with Sixty familys within four years from the Connfirmation of the Plat each family to have an house of Eighteen feet square and Seven feet Stud at least and four Acres brought too & Plowed or Stocked with English Grass and fitted for Mowing and also lay out three lotts with the others one for the first Minister one for the Ministry and one for the School and within the said Term Settle a Learned Orthodox Minister and Build a Convenient House for the Publick Worship of God And whereas Divers persons for whose Merit this Grant is made are deceased It is further ordered That the Grant shall be and belong to some one of his Male Descendants wherein the preferrence shall be Given to the Eldest son And further it is ordered that these persons Shares in this Grant shall Revert to the Province who shall not perform the Conditions as above—

In Council Read & Non'curr'd—

[Mass. House Journal, April 17, 1735.]

John Jeffries, Esq; brought down the Petition of *Ephraim Hildreth* & *John Shipley*, and others, Soldiers under the late Capt. *William Tyng*, *Anno* 1703, praying for a Grant of Land for their publick Services, being on the first March that was performed on

Snow Shoes, with the Vote of the House of the 13*th* of *Decemb.* last thereon, Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council. *December* 14*th*, 1734. Read and nonconcur'd. In Council *April* 17*th*. 1735. Read & re-considered, and concur'd with the Amendments, *viz.* after the words—*Merrimack River*—add—*to extend three miles Eastward from the said River conformable to the Settlement of the divisional Line betwixt this Province and the Province of* New Hampshire, *made by order of King* Charles *the Second in Council in the twenty ninth Year of His Reign, Anno Domini* 1677—after the words—*eldest Son*—add—*to be admitted by a Committee of this Court, who shall take care that bonds be given for their respective performance of the Conditions of this Grant to the Treasurer of the Province to the value of* Twenty Pounds *at least by each Grantee, as well by such as personally appear as by those who are the Descendants as abovesaid, who may appear by their Guardian or next Friend*—and *Ordered*, That *William Dudley*, Esq; with such as shall be joined by the honourable House of Representatives be a Committee for the purposes within mentioned.

Sent down for Concurrence. Read and concur'd, and Col. *Prescott* and Capt. *Thompson* are joined in the affair.

[Mass. Court Records, April 17, 1735.]

On the petition of Ephraim Hildreth and John Shipley and the order of the House thereon (which it was Nonconcurr'd by the Board) as Entred the 14th of Decemr 1734.—

In Council Read & Reconsidered and Concurr'd with the Amendments vizt That the Tract of Land therein Granted Extend three miles Eastward from the River Merrimack conformable to the Settlement of the Divisional line betwixt this province and the province of New Hampshire Made by order of King Charles the Second in Council in the twenty Ninth Year of his Reign Anno Dom 1677, that the Grantees be Admitted by a Committee of this Court who shall take Care that Bonds be given for their Respective performance of the Conditions of this Grant to the Treasurer of the Province for the time being to the value of Twenty pounds for each Grantee, as well by such as personally Appear as by those who are Desendants as abovesaid who may Appear by their Guardian or next Friend, And that William Dudley Esqr with such as shall be Joined by the Honble House of Representa be a Committee for the purpose above mentioned—

In the House of Represent[a] Read & Concurr'd and Col[o] Prescott & Cap[t] Tomson are Joined in the Affair—
Consented to J Belcher

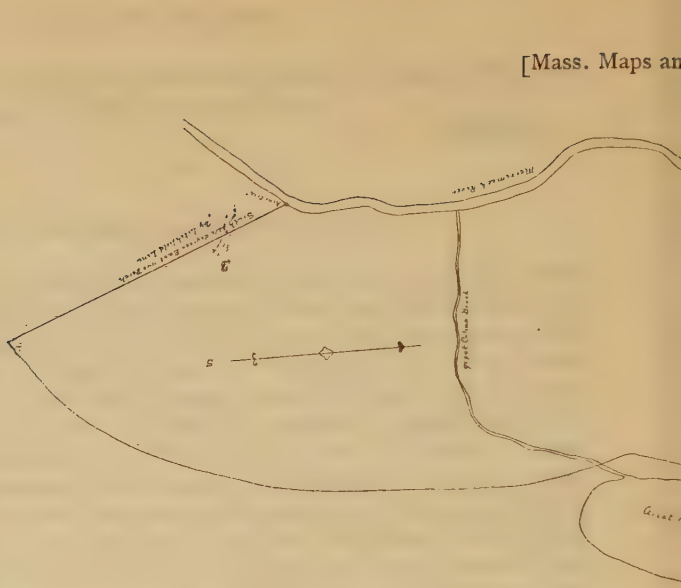
[Mass. House Journal, March 26, 1736.]

A Plat containing twenty four thousand nine hundred and sixty acres of Land laid out by Capt. *Joseph Blanchard* Surveyor, and two Chain men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court passed in *April* last to Capt. *William Tyng* and Company the, first Snow Shoe Men, against the Indian Enemy, there being two thousand one hundred and fifty acres in the Plat formerly granted and reserved for taking Fish, and one thousand acres of Ponds, so that there wants one thousand six hundred and eighty acres to make up the contents of six miles square, lying on the East side *Merrimack River* Northerly on *Suncook*, West on *Merrimack*, South on *Litchfield*, and East on a parallel Line with the River three miles distant therefrom, was presented for allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the Grantees mentioned in the Petition of *Hildreth* and *Shipley* in behalf of the Officers and Soldiers in the Company under the Command of the late Capt. *William Tyng*, deceas'd, their heirs and assigns respectively for ever, exclusive of the former Grants within mentioned, and the Land reserved for the common benefit of taking Fish at *Amaskeeg Falls*, and provided it does not exceed the quantity of twenty two thousand three hundred and sixty acres of Land besides, and interferes with no other Grant; and the Grantees are allowed to make a new pitch of sixteen hundred and eighty acres in the Province Lands elsewhere, and return a Plat thereof to satisfy the remainder of the Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, March 27, 1736.]

A Plat of a Township of Six Miles Square, Granted to the Company formerly under the Command of Cap[t] William Tyng deced, laid out by Joseph Blanchard Survey[r] and Chainmen on Oath; lying on the East side of Merrimack River Bounded northerly on Suncook Township, West on Merrimack River, South on



Middx Ss.

'Tis hereby certifyed that Messrs William Lawrance & Benjamin L
Duty of Chainmen in ye Survey and Mesuring of a Tract of Land on
Late Capt William Tyng Deceasd for a Township, &c.

This Plat of Land on the East side of Merrimack river contains
nine Hundred and twenty Acres more then the Contents of Six mile
first Expedition against the Indians on Snowshoes, the Last April S
thousand One Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land granted to Severa
Acres of ponds so that there is not a Sufficiency to make up the C
Bounded Northerly on Suncook township west on Merrimack Riv
distant therefrom—being on this Side marked trees many & other M
March ye 25th 1736

Suffolk ss:

personally appearing before mee the Subscriber one of his majest
Solemn Oath that in the survey of the township granted to the La
his skill & understanding:

In the House of Representatives March 26 1736, Read and Ord
be and hereby are confirmed to the Grantees mentioned in the p
Company under the Command of the late Capt William Tyng decd
mentioned, & the reserved Land for the Common benefit of taking
two thousand three hundred & sixty acres of Land besides, and inte
of Sixteen hundred and Eighty Acres in the province Lands else &

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In Council; Mar. 27,
Read & Concur'd
Consented to

ol. 10, p. 22.]

Groton, May 8 / 9th 1735

earing were Sworn Justly & faithfully to performe the buiseness &
Side of Merrimack River Lately Granted to the Soldiers under the
Before me Benja Prescott Justt of peace

r thousand nine hundred and Sixty Acres, which is one thousand
granted to the Late Captt Willm Tyng and Company that were in the
this Honble Court, there being Comprehended within the platt two
and Reserved for taking of fish &c and Upwards of one thousand
Six miles Square by 1630 Acres at the Least and the Said grant is
on Litchfield & East on a Line parralell to the River & three miles
, And is Laid Down by a Scale of 150 perch to an Inch
℔ me Joseph Blanchard Surveyor

Boston 26: March 1736

s of the peace for the sd County Capt Joseph Blanchard and made
yng & Company he acted truely & faithfully according to the best of
Wm Dudley

he plat be Accepted and the Lands therein delineated & described
Hildreth and Shipley in behalf of the officers and soldiers in the
& assigns respectively forever, exclusive of the former Grants within
askeeg ffalls, and provided it does not exceed the quantity of twenty
no other Grant, and the Grantees are allowed to make a new pitch
at thereof to satisfie the remainder of the Grant.

J Quincy Spkr

J Willard Sec'ry
J. Belcher

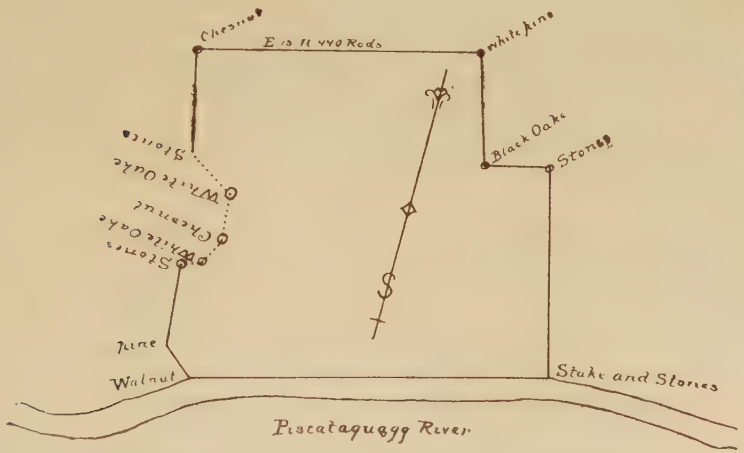
Litchfield & East on a line parralel to the said River, and three Miles distant from it, but by Reason of the Land Reserved by the Province within said Grant the Land is 1680 Acres Short of Six Miles Square—

[Mass. Court Records, and House Journal, June 18, 1736.]

In the House of Represent[a] *Ordered* that the New Township lately Granted to the officers and Soldiers in the Company under the Command of Major William Tyng dec'ed, lying on the East side of Merrimack River commonly Called Old Harry Town, be and hereby is declared & Determined to belong to and hence forward to be Accounted A part of the County of Middlesex—

In Council Read and Concurrd—

Consented to J Belcher



[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 152.]

I The Subscriber Together with John Coleburn & Benjamin Parker as Chainmen have Lay'd out to the prop[rs] of Tyngs Township, so Called, or y[e] grantees of a Tract of Land Between Litchfield And Suncook on y[e] Easterly Side Merrimack River, A Tract of Land Adjoyning to Piscataquag River Containing one Thousand Six Hundred And Sixty Eight Acres Butted and Bounded as by

the figure herewith w^ch^ is plan'd by a Scale of one hundred And Sixty perch to an Inch, with a Small Island Containing Twelve Acres Lying in Merrimack River Between Crosby's Brook and Short falls so Called w^ch^ is in Pursuance of a grant of one thousand Six hundred and Eigty Acres made to the S^d^ Prop^rs^
October 10^th^ 1736— Sam^l^ Cumings Surv^r^

Middlesex ss Dunstable December 3^th^ 1736
Personally appearing before me the Subscriber Sam^ll^ Cumings Survayor John Colburn, and Benj^a^ Parker Chainmen, Made Oath that in survaying and measuring sixteen hundred and Eighty acres of Land Granted by the Generall Court to be new pitched for And Lay'd out by the Prop^rs^ of Tyngs Township so Called on merrimack River they Acted faithfully
Jurat Me Eleazar Tyng jus^t^ P

In the House of Representatives January 14^th^ 1736 Read and Ordered That the plat be Accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the Grantees or proprietors of the township Commonly Called Tyng's township, and their heirs & Assigns respectively for Ever, provided the plat with the Island contain no more than One thousand six hundred and Eighty Acres in the whole, and does not interfere with any former Grant
Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^kr^
In Council Feb. 3, 1736.
Read & Concur'd J Willard Sec'ry
Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 14, 1736–7.]

A Plat containing one thousand six hundred and sixty eight Acres of Land laid out by *John Colburne* Surveyor, and two Chain Men on Oath, to the Proprietors of *Tyng's* Township, so called, adjoining to *Piscataquoiag* River, together with a small Island containing twelve Acres, lying in *Merrimack* River, lying between *Crosby's* Brook and *Short Falls*, so called, to satisfy a Grant of this Court to the Proprietors of the said Township, was presented for Allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described, together with the

Island within mentioned, be and hereby are confirmed to the Grantees or Proprietors of the said Township commonly called *Tyng's* Township, and their assigns respectively forever, provided the Plat with the Island contain no more than one thousand six hundred and sixty eight Acres in the whole, and does not interfere with any former Grant. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 3, 1736–7.]

A plat of One Thousand Six hundred and Eighty Acres of Land laid out on Piscataquoag River by Samuel Cummins Survey^{r} and Chainmen on Oath to fulfill a Grant made to the Grantees of the Township commonly called Tyngs Township—

In the House of Represent^{a} Read and *ordered* that the plat be Accepted and the Lands therein Delineated & described be and hereby are Confirmed to the Grantees or Proprietors of the Township commonly called Tyngs Township and their heirs and Assigns forever provided the plat with the Island Contain no more than One Thousand Six hundred and Eighty Acres in the whole and does not Interfere with any former Grant

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[*Vote of Proprietors of Tyngstown to Petition for Relief, 1751.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 116, p. 26.]

Att a meeting of the Prop^{ts} of Tyngs Town (so Called) by ajournement from y^{e} 6 Day of August 1750 To the 21 Day of January Following, held at y^{e} House of Co^{ll} Jonas Clark in Chelmsford——

Voted to prefer a Petition to the Great & General Court of the Massachusetts For Some Consideration or Releif in the Present Deficulties which S^{d} prop^{ts} Labour under with Respect To S^{d} Town Ship in Such way & maner as S^{d} Court in their Great wisdom Shall See meet

Allso Voted that W^{m} Stickney be Desired to prefer The above mentioned petition as voted Above

Billerica April y^{e} 4: 1751.

A True Copy att^{t} W^{m} Stickney Prop^{ts} Cler

[*Petition of Proprietors for Equivalent Grant, 1751.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 116, p. 22.]

Province of the MassaChusett^{s} Bay—
To the Hon^{l} Spencer Phips Esq^{r} Leu^{t} Govenour & Comand^{r} in Cheif in and over his Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay: The Hon^{l} his Majestys Councill And House of Representitives in Gener^{ll} Court Assembled at Boston y^{e} 8th Day of April 1751:——

The Petition of Will^{m} Stickney Agent for and in the Behalf of the Prop^{ts} of a Tract of Land the East Side of Merrymake River Known by the Name of Tyngs Town Granted by this Hon^{l} Court (now falling in the Province of New Hampshi^{er}) Humbly Sheweth——

That your Pet^{rs} about the year 1726 made Application for a Town Ship of Some of the unappropriated Lands of The Province to Settle themselves & Famelys on to be Granted Them in Case their Services & Sufferings were thought worthy in their Arduos undertaking in the year 1703 Pursuing the Indian Enemy into their then own Country on Snow Shoes the First attempt of that Kind and attended with Success with Killing of Five Terryfieng & Preventing them of their Comon Winter Inroads on us as they had used before as ℔ S^{d} Petit^{n} & Revivell of it in the year 1734: will Appear upon Which this Hon^{d} Court in the year 1735 Saw meet to Grant a tract of Land for a Town Ship the East side merrymack River Between & Adjoyning to Litchfield & Suncook or Lovewells Town in Consequence of that Peti^{n} under Condition of Setlement Subjecting the Grantees to Give Bond of Twenty Pounds Each Forfeiture And to Return a Plan According to the Ten^{r} of s^{d} Grant all which was Complyed with by y^{e} prop^{ts} in the year 1736—& in order to pursue the Intention of the Grant they Divided the whole Township into Convenient Lotts, Built a meeting house Cleared the Roads & there being Severale Large Streams Made Good Bridges at a Large Expence Through the Town which was very Longe being but three miles wide and a Great part of the prop^{ts} Soon Entered in Order For Complyance with the Conditions of the Grant, But the Unhappy Controversy between this Province and the Province of New Hampshire being brought forward and a Court of Comissoners in the year 1738 Sitting in order to Conclude that Affaire Some Desisted till they had their Determination, and that being Suspended for a further hearing before the King in Counc^{ll} Left y^{r} Petitioners in Great Difficulty

many having bestowed Large Sums of money in Building & Improvements were Encouraged to pursue their Labour & others Entred in hopes of the Line being Setled in their Favour Till upward of Two Thousand pounds was Spent in Publick Charges of the Propty, besides all the Charges of Setlement——

That in the year 1740 the line was Determined against them And Deamed to be in the Province of New Hampshire—Whereupon they with Severall other towns Petitnd his Majesty to be Restored to the Massachussetts as they Expected at the time of their Grant, but with no Success—

That Soon after the arivall of Govenr Wentworth and Hearing the Defeat of our Petition the Towns of Londonderry and Chester obtained orders From ye Govr of N. Hampr For Running out their Bounds according to their Charters which being Done it was found that the Sd Tyngs Town fell all to a Trifle into the Sd Towns, their meeting house Sawmill and the Setlers being Included in them, which Towns Immediately Demanded the Possession and Entered Themselves— — –

That your Petitioners thereupon Advised with many of the principal Gentlemen of this Government as well as the best Councell in the Law they Could Obtain and were Incouraged to Dispute their property in the Law which they have Done in the most Effectual method they Could and have been Harrased allmost every Court from the year 1742 to this day and the said Towns of Londonderry & Chester has Recovered the Possession & Turned out Every one who has had a final Trial Excepting one who for Some Special Reasons Peculiar to that Case did Obtain The Remainder of the Setlers Seeing their Distressed Circumstances and no way for Releif have Either deserted their Habitations or Compounded and purchassed at an unreasonable and Severe Price, have Little for their own Labour, Excepting one who is Yet in the Dispute, which Troubles in the Defence of their Rights has Cost them many thousands of pounds Exclusive of their Much greater Charges in Buildings and Improvements and now are Obliged to give over the Expectation of its Ever being any benifet to them

That the Sd Tract of Land the East Side the River did not Contain the Complement of six miles Square by 1680 Acres which they Laid out (and was Approved of by this Court) The west Side merrymack River About five miles Distance From Namaskeeg falls and as that Did not fall in Neither of the Towns Granted by New Hampshire, they Hoped to Enjoy that but Since about

two years ago Some Gentlemen Claiming the Right to the Lands Granted by the Crown To Cap^{t} John Mason Have Granted a Township to a Number of People there, which Includes the S^{d} 1680 Acres and they under S^{d} Masons Right have Actually Setled with a Number of Familys the Lands there Granted to your Petitioners so that on the whole wee have as wee Apprehend Lost the Benefit of The Whole Grant as well as Such a Considerable part of our Own Estats as afore S^{d}——

Butt being Sencible of the Design of this Hon^{d} Court to Distinguish them (not as Subjects of the Province but) for their Special merrit and Desert for their Suffering and Service in their Defence, to Grant that Land as a Reward, The Defeat therein Gives them Reason Humbly to Hope, that you will yet in this Respect take notice of us——

Wherefore your Petitioners most Humbly pray, that they may be favoured with your Attention to these their Uncomon Circumstances and that they may be Compassionately Helped Under their Extraordinary Loss and Disepointment and the Originall Design Obtained, by Granting them so much of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province in Some Convenient Place for Setlement under Such Conditions as may be tho^{t} fit, As will be Equall to their Necessary past Charges which They are Ready to Shew by their Accompts, and the first Design of a Town-Ship or otherwaies Relieve them in the premises as Shall in your Great Clemency and Wisdom be Thought Equitable for them, and your Humble pete^{rs} as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray—

Wm Stickney Agent for
Tyngs Town Prop^{ts}

In the House of Rep^{ves} April 17, 1751 Read and Ordered that this Petition be refer'd till the next May Session for Consideration

Sent up for Concurrence T. Hubbard Spk^{r}

In Council April 17 1751 Read and Concurr'd
Sam^{l} Holbrook D^{ty} Sec'y

Consented to Phips

[The proprietors were granted the town of Wilton, Me., as an equivalent.]

[Grant to John Blaisdell.]

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 4, 1734.]

A Petition of Mr. *John Blaisdell*, Representative of the Town of *Almsbury*, shewing that he has formerly enlisted himself into the Service of the Country in many marches against the Indian Enemy, wherein the Company he belonged to were so successful as to kill and captivate thirty one of the Enemy, that he is now advanced in years, having a numerous family and not Lands to settle them on, and having formerly petitioned this Court for some ungranted Lands, but not yet been favoured with a Grant, the Petitioner renews his request for some of the unappropriated Lands of this Province on the east side of *Merrimack River*, whereon to settle some of his Children. Read, and in answer to this Petition, *Ordered*, That the Petitioner have leave by a Surveyor and Chain-men on Oath, to survey and lay out three hundred acres of the unappropriated Lands of the Province lying on the east side of *Merrimack River* and to the northward of the one thousand acres granted to *Robert Rand* and return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation to him his heirs and assigns for ever, on condition that the Petitioner his heirs or assigns do within three years settle two Families on the granted Lands, and have each of them an House there of eighteen feet square, and five acres of Land brought to english Grass, or broke up by plowing, and well inclosed.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, April 16, and House Journal, April 10, 1735.]

A Petition of M^r^ John Blaisdel of Amesbury shewing that the three hundred Acres of land on merrimack River which was Granted him on Condition of his Settling two familys is so mean as it is not Capable of Supporting two familys And therefore praying for addition of Land to the Eastward of said Tract.—

In the House of Represent^a^ Read & in Answer to this petition *Ordered* That One hundred Acres of The Province Land lying Eastward of the three hundred Acres within mentioned be and hereby is Granted to the Pet^r^ his heirs and Assignes and that he

Return a Plat of the whole to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation—

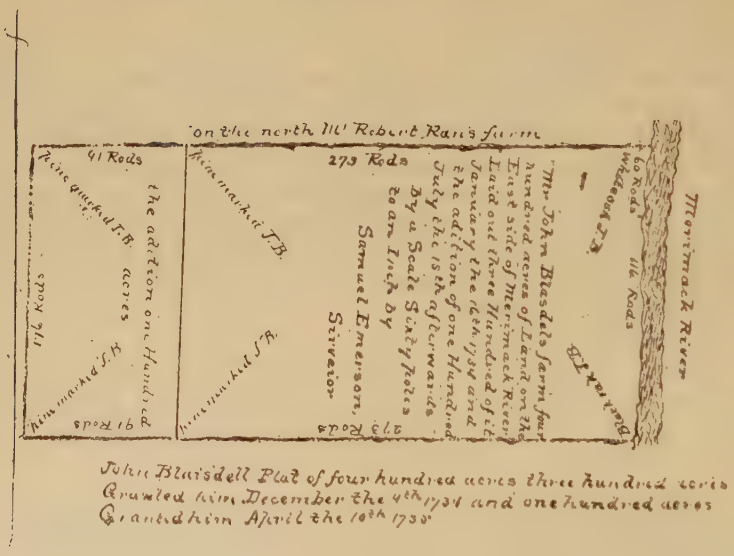
In Council Read & Concurr'd

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Sept. 10, 1735.]

A Plat of four hundred Acres of Land Granted by the General Court to John Blaisdel laid out by Samuel Emerson and two Chainmen on Oath being Situated on Merrimack River—

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 9, p. 16.]


on the north Mr Robert Rans farm
91 Rods
279 Rods
Merrimack River
Mr John Blasdels farm
Samuel Emerson
Surveior
John Blaisdell Plat of four hundred acres three hundred acres
Granted him December the 4th 1734 and one hundred acres
Granted him April the 10th 1735

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 9, p. 16, House Journal and Court Records, Sept. 10, 1735.]

In the House of Reptives Sept[r] 10[th] 1735 Read & ordered that the plat be accepted & the Lands within delineated & described be

& hereby are accordingly confirmed to y^e^ s^d^ John Blaisdale his heirs & assigns for Ever provided he or they comply with the Conditions of the respective Grants provided also the plat exceed not y^e^ quantity of four hundred Acres of Land & does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence — J Quincy Sp^kr^
In Council, Read & Concurred. — T. Mason Dep^t^ Sec^ry^
Consented to — J Belcher

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 9, p. 16.]

Essex ss — Almsbury July: y^e^ 18^th^ 1735

Appeared Samuel Emerson as Surveyer And Made oath that he surveyed y^e^ within mentioned tracts of Land as Granted; by scale and Compass and that y^e^ within Mentioned plan is a true plan Missured According to Arte

before me — Orlando Bagly Justice apeac

Essex ss — Almsbury July y^e^ 18^th^ 1735

Appeared Jacob Sargent And Samuel Colby and Made oath as Chaine men that they Carefully Carryed y^e^ Chaine for Laying out s^d^ tracts of Land and allowed only for swage of Chaine and for a pond in s^d^ Land of aboute sixteen acres

before Me — Orlando Bagly Justice apeac

[Grant to Isaac Bradley.]

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 8, 1736–7.]

A Petition of *Isaac Bradley* of *Haverhill* in the County of *Essex*, praying the Consideration of the Court on Account of his publick Services & Sufferings, for the reasons mentioned. Read, and in Answer to this Petition *Ordered*, That three hundred Acres of the unappropriated Lands of the Province, adjoining to some Township, be and hereby are given and granted to the Petitioner *Isaac Bradley*, his Heirs and Assigns, and that he return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 2, and House Journal, Dec. 1, 1737.]

A Plat of Two Hundred Acres of land laid out by James Cummins Survey^{r} and two Chain men on Oath, to fulfill a grant made by the General Court to Isaac Bradley, scituate on the Westerly side of Merrimack River, joining to the Northerly side of the Narraganset Township Number Five, being bounded as follows, viz^{t} Beginning at an Heap of Stones by Merrimack River at the Corner of said Narraganset Township, thence running West by said Township, one hundred and forty five rods, ending on Piscataquay River, thence North by a line of marked trees bounded Westerly on Province Land to a Pine marked, being one hundred and eighty five rods; thence East bounding Northerly on Province Land, two hundred and ten rods to a White Oak tree at Merrimack River; thence Southerly by said River to the Heap of Stones first mentioned; with an allowance of eight ℔ Cent for Swagg of Chain.

In the House of Represent^{ves} Read and *Ordered*; that the Plat be accepted and the lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said Isaac Bradley his Heirs and Assigns for ever in satisfaction of the within grant: Provided he or they fulfill the conditions thereof and the Plat exceeds not the quantity of Two Hundred Acres of Land, with the said Allowance for swag of Chain, and does not interfere with any former grant.

In Council; Read and Concur'd
Consented to J. Belcher.

[Grant to Samuel Butterfield.]

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 1, 1735–6.]

Col. *Chandler* from the Committee for Lands, reported on the Petition of *Samuel Butterfield* of *Chelmsford*, praying as entred the 20th ult, which was read and accepted, and the facts being well vouched, *Ordered*, That the Petitioner have leave by a Surveyor and Chain-men on Oath to survey and lay out three hundred acres of the unappropriated Lands of the Province adjoining to same Town, and return a Plat thereof to the Court within twelve months for confirmation to him his heirs and assigns, provided he or they within three years from the confirmation of the Grant

settle a family thereon, and also build a dwelling House of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at least, and clear, fence in, and bring to six acres thereof by ploughing, or stocking the same with English Grass.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, June 22, 1736.]

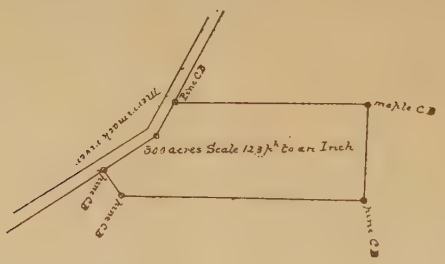
A Plat containing three hundred acres of Land laid out by *Samuel Cumings* Surveyor, and two Chain men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court of the first of *January* last to *Samuel Butterfield* of *Chelmsford*, lying on *Merrimack River* near *Namaskeeg*, was presented for allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said *Samuel Butterfield* his heirs and assigns for ever, he or they performing the Conditions of the Grant provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of three hundred acres of Land, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 23, 1736.]

A Plat of three hundred Acres of Land laid out by Samuel Cummins Survey^{r} and Chainmen on oath, to Satisfy a Grant of this Court of the first of January last to Samuel Butterfield of Chelmsford on Merrimack River, near Namaskeag; bounded as follows, viz^{t} begining at a pine tree by the River & Runing West 22 deg. South two hundred & Eighty Nine Rods to a Maple Marked with C B, thence North 22 deg. West One hundred & forty Rods to a pine Marked C B from thence East 22 degs North four hundred Rods to a pine Marked; from thence East 30 deg. South thirty Eight Rods to a pine Marked C B at Merrimack River and then by the River to the bounds first mentioned.—

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 10. p. 14.]



May The Eleventh, 1736

I The Subscriber Sam[l] Cumings together with James Cumings & John Goffe as Chainmen have Layd out to Sam[l] Butterfield of Chelmsford of Mid[x] Three hundred Acres of The unappropriated Lands of y[e] Province on Merrimack River near Namaskeeg Bounded thus—Begining at a pine tree by y[e] river and we run west Twenty two degrees South two hundred And Eighty nine rods to a maple marked w[th] C B from thence we ran north twenty two deg[s] west one hundred and forty eight rods to a pine marked C B from thence east twenty two deg[s] north four hundred rods to a pine Marked C B from thence east 30 g[s] South 38 rods to a pine marked C B at merrimack river from thence by y[e] River to the first Bounds mentioned

Sam[l] Cumings Surveyor

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 10, p. 14, and Court Records, June 23, 1736.]

In the House of Representatives June 22[d] 1736 Read and ordered that the plat be Accepted and the Lands therein delineated & described be & hereby are confirmed to the said Samuel Butterfield his heirs & assigns for Ever he or they complying with the Conditions of the Grant provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of three hundred acres of Land and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence — J Quincy Sp[kr]

In Council June 23, 1736

Read and Concurrd — Simon Frost Dep[t] Sec[ry]

30: Consented to — J Belcher

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 10, p. 14.]

Middlesex ss June y^e^ 10^th^ 1736

Personally Appearing before me y^e^ Subscriber Samuel Cumings as Surveyor James Cumings and John Goffe as Chainmen made Oath that in Surveying and measureing three Hundred Acres of Land Granted by the Gen^ll^ Court to Sam^l^ Butterfield of Chelmsford thay Did Deal faithfully & Impartially

Eleazar Tyng Jus^tice^ pacis

[Grant to John Plaisted.]

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 17, 1734.]

A Petition of John Plaistead of Amesbury, Shewing that he Served the Province in the Indian War in five Several Expeditions and in four of them as a Voluntier that he with others petitioned the Court for a Township at Ameskeeg and from some Encouragement he had built upon the Land but the Court were pleased to Grant a Township near the place to the Narragansett Soldiers, Praying for a Grant of the Unappropriated Lands on the East Side of Merrimack River.—

In the House of Represent^a^ Read & in Answer to this Petition *Ordered* that the pet^r^ have leave to Survey and lay out by a Surveyor & Chainmen on Oath three hundred Acres of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province lying on the East Side of Merrimack River, and to the Northward of One Thousand Acres Granted to Robert Rand, and Return a plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation, to him and his heirs and Assignes forever, On Condition the Pet^r^ his heirs or assignes do within three Years Settle two familys on the Granted Lands and have each of them a house there of Eighteen feet Square and five Acres of Land brought to English Grass or broke up by Plowing and well inclosed—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Grant to Robert Rand.]

[Mass. House Journal, March 1, 1733.]

A Petition of *Robert Rand* of *Boston* Sail-maker, shewing that his great Uncle *Thomas Goffe*, Esq; Deputy Governour of the

Company for settling the late Colony of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, was at great expence in bringing forward and planting the said Colony, and after large Adventures here, he took a Voyage for this Country, but died in the Passage, and never received any Gratuity from the Planters or Settlers, nor any Person for him; that the Petitioners Grand-mother was Sister to the said Mr. *Goffe*; and that he is eldest Son to her Daughter; praying that forasmuch as the said Colony was greatly benefitted by the Expence or Estate of the said Mr. *Goffe*, and never received any thing therefor, and the Petitioner being reduced to low and necessitous Circumstances, that the Court of their compassionate consideration would make him a Grant of some of the unappropriated Lands of the Province, for the reasons aforesaid. Read and referred to the next sitting of the Court for consideration.

[Mass. House Journal, July 3, 1734.]

A Plat of One thousand acres of Land laid out to satisfy a Grant of this Court made to *Robert Rand* in *April* last, lying on the East side *Merrimack River* to the Northward of little *Cohass Brook*, great *Cohass River* running through the same, was presented for allowance. Read, and the Question was put, *Whither the Plat shall be accepted.* It pass'd in the Negative.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 4, 1734.]

On a motion made and seconded by divers Members that the House would re-consider their Vote of the third of *July* last for not accepting a Plat of one thousand acres of Land, Surveyed and laid out by *Samuel Danforth* Surveyor, and two Chain-men on Oath, lying on the east side of *Merrimack River* to the northward of little *Cohass Brook*, great *Cohass River* running thro' the same to satisfy a Grant of this Court made to *Robert Rand* in *April* last, the Question was put, *Whither the House would reconsider their said Vote*! Resolved in the Affirmative, and thereupon *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein described and delineated be and hereby are confirmed to the said *Robert Rand* his heirs and assigns forever, in satisfaction of the

Grant within mentioned, provided it exceeds not the quantity of one thousand acres of Land, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 5, 1734.]

Jacob Wendell, Esq; brought down the Plat of one thousand acres of Land granted to *Robert Rand*, with the vote of the House of the 4*th*. currant thereon, Pass'd in Council, *viz*. In Council, *Decemb*. 5*th*. 1734. Read and concur'd with an amendment, *viz*. add—*provided also that this Grant shall no ways affect the privilege of fishing in great* Cohass River, *but the same shall remain in common to all His Majesty's Subjects of this Province as heretofore, and no obstruction shall be given to the passage of the Fish up and down the said River*. Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and Concur'd.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 5, 1734.]

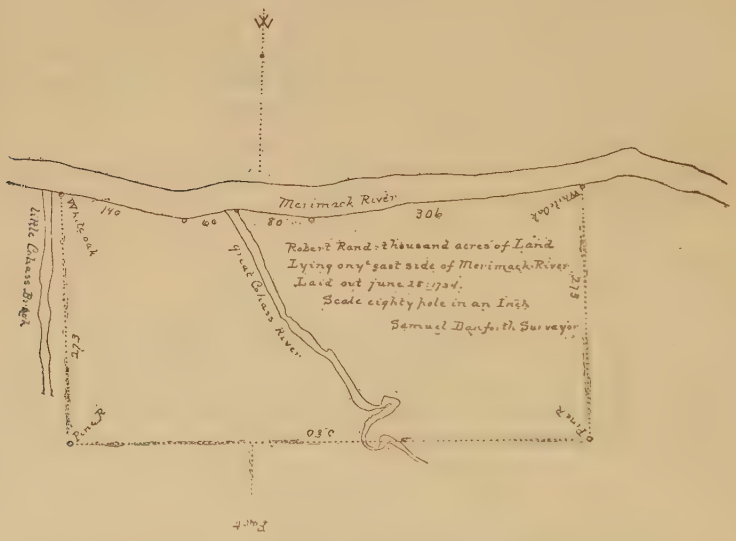
A Plat of One Thousand Acres of Land laid out by Samuel Danforth Esq[r] and Chainmen on Oath to fulfill a Grant made by this Court to Robert Rand lying on each side of Merrimack River begining at a Great White Oak tree marked R Standing on the side of the said River and a little to the Northward of little Cohass Brook Thence Runing upon Merrimack River five hundred and Eighty Six poles to a great White Oak tree mark'd R being the North West Corner thence Runing Eastward two hundred and twenty three poles to a pine tree marked R which is the Northeast Corner thence Southward five hundred & Eighty poles to a pine tree mark'd R which is the South east Corner thence to the bounds first mentioned

In the House of Represent[a] Read and *Ordered* that the plat be Accepted and the Lands therein Delineated & Described be and hereby are Confirmed to the said Robert Rand his heirs and assignes forever in Satisfaction of the Grant within mentioned *Provided* it Exceeds not the quantity of one Thousand Acres of Land and does not Interfere with any former Grant *Provided* also that this Grant shall no Ways affect the priviledge of Fishing in Great Cohass River but the same shall remain in Common to all

his Majestys Subjects of this Province as heretofore and no Obstruction shall be given to the passage of the Fish up and down the said River——

In Council Read & Concurr'd—
Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 8, p. 35.]



june 28 : 1734 Laid out to Robert Rand of Boston one thousand acres of land on y^e east side of merimack River begining at A great white oak tree marked R : which stands by y^e side of merimack River and A little north ward of little cohas Brook called and from sd white oak it bounds upon merimack River five hundred and eighty six pole to A great white oak tree marked R : which is y^e north west corner, then it Runs east ward from sd white oak two hundred and twenty three poles to A pine tree marked R which is y^e north east corner then it Runs south ward from sd pine tree five hundred and eighty poles to A pine tree marked R : which is y^e South east corner, then it turns and Runs west ward to y^e first bound white oak tree where it began—

Samuel Danforth Survayor :

In the House of Rep^tives^ July 3^d^ 1734 Read & the Question was put Whether the Plat shall be accepted? It pass'd in the Negative

Middelsex ss Dunstable June 28^th^ 1734
Sam^ll^ Danforth personally appeard before me and was sworn to the faithful Discharge of a Surveyer
Eleazar Tyng jus^t^ P

Middelsex ss Dunstable June 29^th^ 1734
Cap^t^ Henry Farwell and Zacheus Lovewell personally appeared before me and was sworn to the faithfull Discharge of Chanemen
Eleazar Tyng jus^t^ P

[Grant to Jeremiah Stevens.]

[Mass. House Journal, April 10, 1735.]

A Petition of Cap^t^ *Jeremiah Stevens* of *Salisbury*, praying that in consideration of his many Services to the Province against the Indian Enemy in the Eastern Country especially, as particularly therein set forth, he may obtain a Grant of some of the Province Lands, the better to enable him to settle some of his Sons who are grown up, he having but little Land of his own to settle them on. Read, and in answer to this Petition, *Ordered*, That four hundred and fifty acres of the Province Lands lying on the east side of *Merrimack River* next the Grant lately made to Mr. *Jonathan Blaisdell*, be and hereby is granted to the Petitioner his heirs and assigns, on condition that the Petitioner his heirs or assigns do within three years settle three families on the granted Lands, and have each of them an House there of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at least, and also five acres of Land brought to english Grass or broke up by plowing, and well inclosed; the Petitioner to return a Plat of the Lands to the Court within twelve months for confirmation.
Sent up for Concurrence.

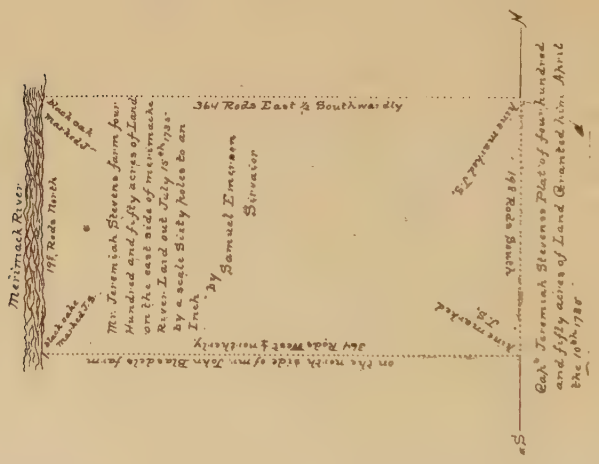
[Mass. House Journal, Sept. 11, 1735.]

A Plat containing four hundred and fifty acres of Land laid out by *Samuel Emerson*, Surveyor, and two Chain-men on Oath, to

satisfy a Grant of this Court of the 10*th*. of *April* last to Capt. *Jeremiah Stevens*, lying on the East side *Merrimack River*, next Mr. *John Blaisdale's* Grant, was presented for allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands within mentioned be and hereby are confirmed to the said Capt. *Jeremiah Stevens* his Heirs and Assigns for ever, provided he or they comply with the Conditions of the Grant, provided also the Plat exceeds not the quantity of four hundred and fifty acres of Land, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 9, p. 2.]


Merrimack River
364 Rods East ½ Southwardly
Samuel Emerson
Surveyor
Capt. Jeremiah Stevens Plat of four hundred and fifty acres of Land Granted him April the 10th 1730

Essex ss

Almsbury July y^e^ 18^th^ 1735

Appeared Samuel Emerson a Serveyer and Made oath that he serveyed y^e^ within mentioned tract of land as Granted by Scale and Compass and that y^e^ within Mentioned plan is a true plan Misured according to arte

before me Orlando Bagly
Justice of y^e^ peace

Essex ss

Almsbury July y^e^ 18^th^ 1735

Appeared Jacob Sargent and Samuel Colby And Made oath as Chaine Men that they Carryed y^e^ Chaine for laying out sd tract of Land Carefully and Allowed only for Swage of Chaine

before me Orlando Bagly
Justice o peace

In the House of Rptives Sept^r^ 11, 1735 Read & ordered y^t^ y^e^ plat be accepted & y^e^ lds within mentioned be & hereby are confirmed to y^e^ sd Capt Jerimiah Stevens his heirs & assigns for ever provided he or they comply with the Conditions of the Grant provided also the plat exceeds not the quantity of four hundred & fifty acres of Land and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Spkr

In Council Nov^r^ 22 1735 Read and Concurred
J Willard Sectry

Dec 29 Consented to J Belcher

[Grant to Thomas Tilestone.]

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 9, 1735–6.]

A Petition of *Thomas Tilestone*, of *Dorchester*, Esq; praying the consideration of the Court for a Grant of Lands on account of his publick services and sufferings, for the reasons mentioned. Read and *Ordered*, That the Petitioner have leave by a Surveyor and Chain men on Oath to survey and lay out two hundred acres of the unappropriated Lands of the Province adjoining to some former Grant, and return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation to the Petitioner his heirs and assigns, provided he or they do within the space of three years break up bring to and fit for mowing and ploughing and well inclose six acres of the granted premisses, and build an House thereon of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least, and have a family actually dwelling therein within said term.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 7, 1736–7.]

A Plat containing two hundred & twenty Acres of Land, surveyed & laid out by *James Cummings* Surveyor and two Chain-

men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court to *Thomas Tilestone*, Esq: as entred the *9th.* of *January* last, with an allowance for Ponds and swag of Chain, lying on the West side of *Merrimack River* at the Head of *Amaskeeg Falls*, beginning at a Pine Tree marked, then the Line runs up the River three hundred rods to a Pine Tree marked, was presented for Allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described, be and hereby are confirmed to the said *Thomas Tilestone*, Esq; his Heirs and Assigns for ever, he or they performing the Conditions of the Grant, provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of two hundred and twenty Acres, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 46, p. 68.]

I the Subscriber to gather with William lund and Cypron Powers have survaid and laid out un to Coll Thos Tilston a sarton farm or tract of land contaning 220 acars bounded thus as follos one the west side of Merimack river beginen att ye head of namoskeag falls att a pine tree marked then ye line runs up the river 300 rods to a pine tre marked then line runs west 7 degree to the South sixty rods then ye line South twenty degres west 268 rods then ye line Runs South 30 degres Est Sixty rods to pine then ye line runs Est 7° North 170 rds to ye bounds furst menchond all wch with out allowance for Sagg of Chain and Ponds wch is abt 20 acres. Survaid this 29 daye of December ye 1736 Per me

James Cumings

Middlesex ss

Dunstable January 3th 1736

Personally appearing be fore me the Subscriber James Comings Surveyor, Will Lund and Cypron Powers Chaine men made Oath that in the Surveying and Measuring Two Hundred acres of Land Granted by the General Court to Thos Tileston Esqr of Dorchester they doe deal faithfully and Impertially

Jurat me Eleazar Tyng justt Peace

In the House of Representatives Jan the 17th 1736 Read and Ordered that the plat be accepted and the Lands therein delineated and described be & are hereby confirmed to the said Thomas Tilestone Esqr his heirs & assigns for ever he or they performing

the Conditions of the Grant provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of two hundred and twenty acres and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence — J Quincy Sp^kr
In Council Jan^ry 10. 1736
Read & Concurred — Simon Frost Dep^t Sec^ry
Consented to — J Belcher

MERRIMACK.

[This was a part of the Old Dunstable grant. Incorporated April 2, 1746. Col. Joseph Blanchard was authorized to call the first meeting. An addition of all that part of the town north of the Souhegan river was granted Jan. 1, 1750.

See New Hampshire charters following; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 548; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 586; Index to Laws, 342; Centennial Address, 1846, by S. T. Allen, pub. 1846; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 527; consult authorities cited under title of Dunstable.]

[Grant to Benjamin Smith.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 17, 1731.]

A Petition of *Benjamin Smith*, living on Land on *Merrimack* River near *Naticook*, praying the Court, to make him a Grant of One Hundred Acres of Land (including an Island whereon he has built a House, & made Improvements) on the *West* side of the said River, adjoyning thereto, (to be laid out in a regular Form) or that it may be Sold to him on reasonable Terms, for Reasons mentioned. Read, and referred to the next Session for Consideration.

[Mass. Court Records, June 20, 1733.]

A Petition of Benjamin Smith Setting forth his great Services for the province in divers Marches against the Indian Enemy & Shewing that he has presumed to take up ab^t Sixteen Acres of Province Land on Merrimack River, partly on an Island about a Mile above Sohegan River, & partly on the Main adjacent thereto, & hath built an House thereon, & laid out ab^t One Hundred &

fifty pounds To which Land he acknowledges he has no right & Praying a Grant of the s^{d} Land & thirty four Acres more upon such Terms as this Court shall judge proper—

In the House of Represent^{ves} Read & in Answer to this Petition, *Ordered* that the Petition^{r} be allowed by a Survey^{r} & Chainmen on Oath to Survey & lay out fifty Acres of the Province Lands, including the Island within mentioned & the other Land improved by the Petition^{r} & that he return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation—In Council; Read & Concur'd Provided the Petition^{r} pay into the Province Treasury The Sum of Ten pounds immediately upon y^{e} Confirmation of the said Land by this Court—In the House of Represent^{ves} Read & Concur'd

Consented to J Belcher

MILFORD.

[Constituted from parts of Hollis, Amherst, and the Mile Slip, and included Charlestown and Duxbury School Farms. Incorporated Jan. 11, 1794. Unsuccessful attempts at incorporation were made in 1779 and 1780. A portion of Amherst was annexed Dec. 20, 1842, and a portion of Lyndeborough, June 27, 1873.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 397; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 603; Index to Laws, 345; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 55.]

[Charlestown School Farm.]

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 12, 1659.]

In Ans^{r} to the peticon of Charles Toune & Cambridge The Court having Considered the Grounds of this peticion & of how great Concernment It is y^{t} all due encouragement be given thereto, Judge meete to Graunt to each Toune a thousand acres of land upon Condicon y^{t} they forever appropriate it to that use, & wthin three yeers at farthest lay out the same & put it on Improovement, & In Case that they faile of mainetaining a Grammar schoole during the said time they shall so doe the next Gramar schoole of w^{t} Toune soever shall have the sole bennefitt thereof;/

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 16, 1660.]

By virtue of an order of the Gennerall Court laid out for the use of the schoole of charles Toune one thousand acres of land, more or lesse, in the wildernesse on the westerne side of merremacke River at a place Comonly Called by the Indians Sowheaganucke begining at the ffoote of a great hill and so extending Eastward about two miles doune the said River and bounded w^th^ the River North and by land laied out for m^rs^ Anna Cole on the East the wildernes elswhere surrounding according to marked trees all w^ch^ are sufficiently bounded w^th^ C and is more fully demonstrated by a platt taken of the same by Jonathan Danforth surv^r^.

The Court doth allow & approove of this Returne./

[Grant to Anna Cole.]

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 12, 1659.]

In Consideration of the late Cap^t^ Robert Keaynes libberall guifts to the Country in his will the whole Court mett together voted; that m^rs^ Anna Cole the late Relict of the said Cap^t^ Robert Keaine and Anna Keayne the Grandchild shall have five hundred acres of land apeece laid out to them & theire heires where It is to be found./

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 16, 1660.]

Laid out to m^rs^ Anna Cole five hundred acres more or lesse of land in the wildernes on the westerne side of merremacke River at Souheaganuck being butted & bounded w^th^ land lately laid out for charlstowne schoole on the west sowheaganucke River on the North lying three hundred and forty pole long by the side of the said River the wildernesse elswhere surrounding according to bound mark trees w^ch^ are marked w^th^ C. w^ch^ is more fully demonstrated by a platt taken of the same by Jonathan Danforth surveyo^r^. The Court Judgeth it meete to Allow & Confirme the land returned to the said Anna Cole lately keayne hir heires & Assignes forever./

[Grant to Samuel Cole.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 26, 1658.]

In Ans^r to the petition of Samuell Cole. The Court Judgeth it meete to Graunt the peticoner the necke of land desired lying w^th^in a mile & a half or two miles of nacooke beyond the Toune of Chelmsford & what is wanting there to make up the fower hundred acres formerly Graunted him he hath liberty to take up in any other place where he Cann finde it according to lawe

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[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 9, and Court Records, Nov. 12, 1659.]

Laid out to M^r Samuell Cole of Boston, four hundred acr of lands in y^e^ wildernesse; on y^e^ westerne side of Merimack River; begining at Nacook one part of y^e^ same; about fifty and five acc: lying upon y^e^ said Brooke and Joyning to Merimack River runing up y^e^ brook about two hundred & fifty two pole; also one part or parsall of y^e^ same adjoyning to y^e^ said River beginning about three quarters of a mile above it; and so runnes up y^e^ River two miles and 34 pole, as by this plott is demonstrated; also 3 patches of meadow lying distinck from y^e^ aforesaid lands, about 2 miles: two of y^m^ lying at forrest field hill: y^e^ 3d som what distant from y^m^ also a small parsall of meadow lying upon a brook (called little Nacook) which brook runnes through y^e^ said farme; y^e^ content or Superfitia of all y^e^ aforesaid parsells are (400) ace of land, all which land are well and suffetiently bounded and marked with C:

May 11^th^ 1659 By Jonathan Danforth Survey^r

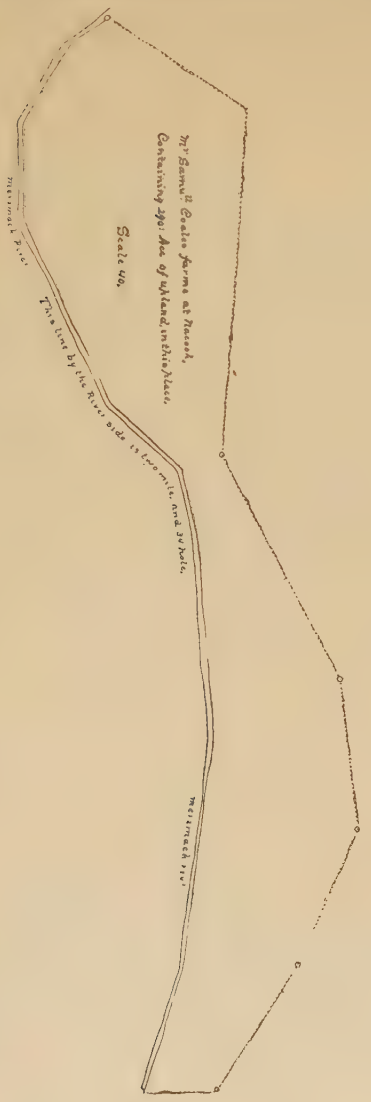
The Deputyes approve of this return provided that this four hundred Acors be made up seven hundred Acors back from the river, out of which Capt Edward Johnson is to have his three hundred Acors indeffrently layd out respecting both meddow & upland & M^r Cole to have his first choyce but Capt Johnson to beare halfe the Charge of laying of it out, relating to what hath bin already expended or what further remayned to be done & all with reference to the Consent of o^e^ Horn^ed^ magists hereto

10 (9) 1659 William Torrey Cleric

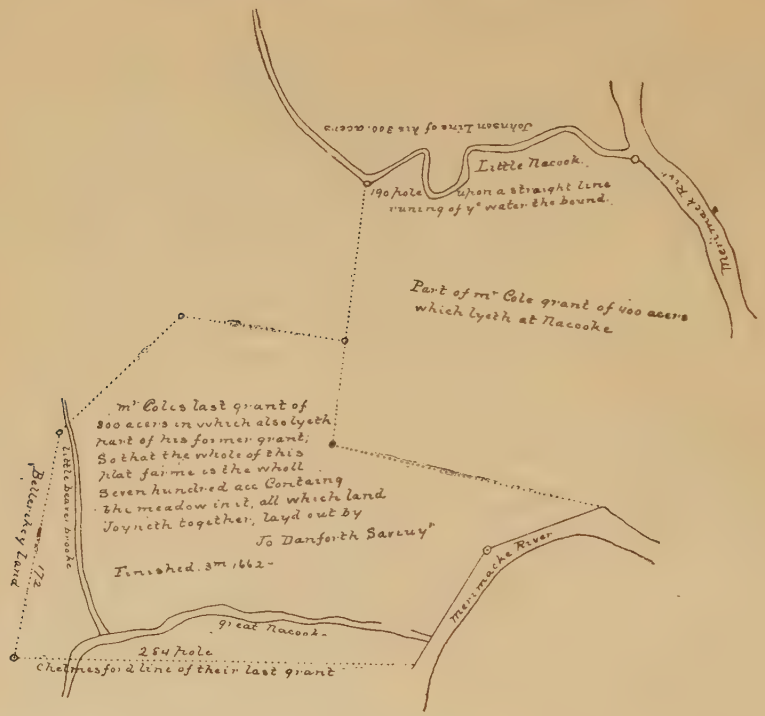
Consented to by y^e^ Magists

Edw Rawson Sectey

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 1. p. 9.]


Mr Samll Cooke Farms at Pascoak,
Containing 350 Acres of Upland, in this Plan.
Scale 40.
This Line by the River side is two miles and 30 Rods.
Merrimack River

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 10.]


Johnsons Line of his 300. acers
Little Nacook
190 pole upon a straight line runing of y^e water the bound
Part of m^r Cole grant of 400 acers which lyeth at Nacooke
m^r Coles last grant of 300 acers in which also lyeth part of his former grant; So that the whole of this plat farme is the wholl Seven hundred acr Containg the meadow in it, all which land Joyneth together, layd out by Jo Danforth Surv^r
Finished. 3^m 1662-
Little Bears Brooke
Bellingham Line
Merrimeche River
great Nacook
254 pole
Chelmesford line of their last grant

[Duxbury School Farm.]

[Mass. Court Records, March 4, 1733–4.]

"A Petition of Col. John Alden—Represent^ve of the Town of Duxbury Shewing that the said Town is obliged by Law to maintain a Grammar School, but by reason of the fewness of the Inhabitants & their Poverty the Charge of the School lies heavy upon them, and therefore Praying that this Court would make them a Grant of the Province Land the better to enable them to defray the said Charge—

In the House of Represent^ves Read & Ordered that the Town of Duxbury be & hereby is allowed & impowered by a Survey^r & Chainmen on Oath to survey & lay out Five hundred Acres of the

unappropriated Lands of the Province, & return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation, for the maintenance & support of a Grammar School there—

In Council Read & Concurred—

Consented to— J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 24, 1734.]

A plat containing five hundred acres of Land surveyed and laid out by order of the Court the 4*th* of *March* last by Capt. *Jonas Houghton* Surveyor, and two Chain-men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant made to the Town of *Duxbury* for the use of a Grammar School there, bounded southerly on *Souhegan River* East on the uppermost *Narragansett* Township on said River; was presented for allowance. Read and accepted, and *Ordered*, That the Plat be allowed, and that the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the Town of *Duxbury* for the use maintenance and support of a Grammar School there for ever, provided it exceeds not the quantity of five hundred acres, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Maps & Plans, Vol. 8, p. 27]

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July y^e^ 4 & 5 : 1734 Laid out five Hundred acres of Land to fulfill a Grant made by the Great and General Court or Assembly to the Town of Duxbury March y^e^ 4^th^ 1733 : which Bounds Southerly on Souhegan River : East on the upermost Narragonset Township upon Said River, North & West upon the unapropriated Lands It begins at a whitoak Marked (with a heep of stons nere to it) on the North side of said River : abought one Hundred and thirty Rods above the uper End of Chalstown Scool Farme and Runs North two Hundred Rods from thence East four Hundred Rods to Said Narraganset Township from thence South two Hundred & Seventeen Rods to Said Souhegen River and then it Runs up along by Said River to where it first began

Survey^d^ ℔ Jonas Houghton

In the House of Representatives December 24^th^ 1734. Read and accepted and ordered That the plat be allowed and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the town of Duxbury for the maintenance and support of a grammer School there, provided it exceeds not the quantity of Five hundred acres and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^kr^

In Council Dec^r^ : 26 : 1734 Read & Concurred

T : Mason Dep^t^ Sec^ry^

27 : Consented to J Belcher.

NASHUA.

[This was a part of the Old Dunstable grant. Incorporated as *Dunstable*, April 1, 1746. "One Pine Hill," belonging to *Dunstable*, was annexed to Hollis, Dec. 13, 1763. The farms of Daniel Merrill and Ebenezer Jacquith were taken from Dunstable and annexed to Hollis, May 14, 1773. The name was changed to Nashua, Dec. 7, 1836. Nashville was set off and incorporated June 23, 1842, but was re-united and the two incorporated as a city, June 27, 1853.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 193; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 622; Index to Laws, 389; sketch, by O. C. Moore, 1, Granite Monthly, 57; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 139; consult authorities cited under title of Dunstable.]

[Grant to Boston Artillery Company.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 31, 1670.]

In Ans^r^ to the motion of severall officers of the Artillery Company in Boston Itt is Ordered that the thousand acres of land

formrly granted to them, & not laid out be laid out in any place where it may be found not already granted & returne thereof made to this Court

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[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 34, p. 9.]

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 34, p. 9, and Court Records, Oct. 15, 1673.]

Artilery of Boston Ther ffarme Lad out Sep^{tr} 22th 1673 Viz ffrom a Red oake tre marked $\overline{\text{A}}$ by a gully Side on the banke of

Marymak River, on a Straight Line W b S one mile & thre quarts by marked trees unto a pine at B: by a medow calld Speckticle Medow ffrom B to C. & about the Medow to D: taking in the sd two first patches of Medow wch Medow is estimated at 30 Acors: ffrom D to E by the brooke Caled Specticle Brooke wch Brooke Runs into Nashua River ffrom E to F by Nashua or Watananok River into Marymak River.

17th october, 1673:
The magists approove of this Returne and doe further Grant them as an Addition thereto ye Grant being above thirty yeares since The quantity of five hundred acres next Adjoyning The magists have pass this their brethren the Deputyes hereto Consenting Edw Rawson Secretry

The Deputies Consent hereto provided that the Addition of five hundred Acres be layd out in some Convenient place next Adjoyning to the plantation now graunted there or Honord magists Consenting hereto
Consented to by ye magists
17th october 1673. Edw Rawson Secret

[Grant to Richard Dummer.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 14, 1656.]

In Ansr to the peticion of mr Richard Dummer Craving an Allowance of land for seventy three pounds by him long since given to the Countries use by the Appointmt of the Court in the yeares 1637 & 1639. This Court In Consideracion thereof doth graunt the Peticoner eight hundred acres of land in any place that is free from former graunts & not prjudiciall to a Plantacion Provided it be laid out bounded & Retourne made by some surveyor wthin one yeare./

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 12, 1659, and Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 8.]

Laid out to mr Richard Dummer; eight hundred acres of land in the wildernes on the Northerne side of merremack River begining at weekasoak brook being bounded therewith, & merre-

mak River on y^e^ west; Adjoyning to farmes lately laid out to Peter & James Oliver & some others on the South the wildernesse elswhere surrounding according to marked trees as by a plott taken of the same is more fully demonstrated w^ch^ is on file.

By Jonathan Danforth Surveior

The Court Approoves of this Returne so as It exceed not fiffty acres above the some of eight hundred acres/

The deputyes approve of this returne w^th^ refference to the Consent of o^r^ hono^rs^ magis^ts^ hereto

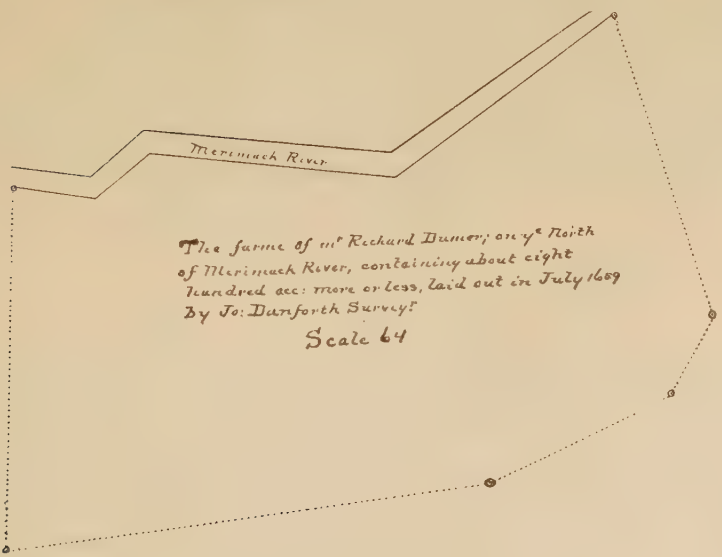
William Torrey Cleric.

The magis^ts^ Consent hereto so as it exceede not fifty acres above the some of eight hundred acres theire brethren the deput^s^ Consenting thereto: Edw: Rawson

Consented to by the deputyes

William Torrey Cleric.

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 1, p. 8.]


Merrimack River
The farme of m^r^ Richard Dumer; on y^e^ North of Merimack River, containing about eight hundred acc: more or less, laid out in July 1669 By Jo: Danforth Survey^r^
Scale 64

[Grant to Savage, Oliver, and Others.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 28, 1659.]

In Ans^r to the peticion of Cap^t Thomas Savage, Left Peter Oliver Capt James Oliver Capt James Johnson, Left w^m Hudson m^r Jeremiah Houchin and Ensigne John Evered Humbly Desiring the favor of this Court to Graunt unto them meete ffarmes The Court Judgeth it meete to Graunt the peticoners two hundred & fifty acres of land apeece on Condition that they observe the order propounded for the regulating in the laying out of all future Graunts that so places fitt for Touneships be not utterly spoyled: to the Great Damage of this Comon=wealth./

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 12, 1659.]

Laid out to Capt Thomas Savage Cap^t frauncis Norton Left w^m Hudson & m^r Jerremiah Houchin one thousand acres of land in the wildernesse on the westside of merremak River upon Samon Brooke begining at sagumskuffe and so Runing doune the River or brooke one part or parcell of the same Conteyning about nine hundred thirty fower acres more or lesse also one part or parcell Conteghning sixty six acres more or lesse nere adjoyning thereunto being bounded w^th the wildernesse according to marked trees as by a plott taken of y^e Same is more fully Demonstrated & is on file

By me Jonathan Danforth surveior

The Court approves of this Returne/

[Grant to John Whiting.]

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 12, 1659.]

In Ans^r to the petic'on of m^r Samuell whiting in behalfe of his brother m^r John whiting & M^r Richard westland Aldermen of Boston for this Courts Graunt of fower hundred acres of land apeece In Consideration of fifty pounds apeece long since laid out in the Comon Adventure the Court Graunts his request i. e fower

hundred acres apeece to them the said John whiting & Richard westland & theire heires & Assignes & that It be laid out adjoyninge to such Lands as are taken up by order of this Court.

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 16, 1660.]

Laid out to m^r^ John whiting fower hundred acres of land on the western side of merremacke river begining at the mouth of Salmon Brooke & so extending upwards one the same brooke about one mile & halfe being butteld & bounded by merremack River on the east, & by the upland side on the north of the said brooke elswhere bounded by marked trees according to a platt taken of the same: The Court doth Approove & Confirme this Returne.

NEW BOSTON.

[Granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 14, 1735–6, to John Simpson and others. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors, Feb. 2, 1748–9. Sometimes called *Lane's-town* and *Boston Piscataquog Township*. Regranted Dec. 24, 1751, to Job Lewis and others, Incorporated as New Boston, Feb. 18, 1763, and named from Boston, Mass. The farm of Isaac Parker was severed and annexed to Goffstown, June 18, 1836.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 553; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 642; Index to Laws, 395; History, by Elliott C. Cogswell, 1864, pp. 470; historical sketch, by Neil McLane, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 585.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 5, 1734.]

A Petition of Capt. *Nathanael Bowman*, and others in the publick Service in the *Canada* Expedition under the command of the late Sir *William Phipps*, Knt. praying for a Grant of Land, as entred the 20*th*, of *June* 1732, and 16*th*. of *June* last, and referred. Read and committed to the Committee appointed to consider of the Petition of *Abraham Tilton* of *Ipswich*, and others, and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 3, 1735.]

On the Petition of *John Simpson*, and others, praying for some Province Lands, which was read and accepted, and *Voted*, That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and that ------ together with such as shall be joined by the honourable Board, be a Committee at the charge of the Petitioners, to lay out a Township of the contents of six miles square at the place petitioned for, or some other suitable place, and that they return a Plat thereof within twelve months for confirmation; and for the more effectual bringing forward the Settlement of the said new Town, *Ordered*, That the said Town be laid out into sixty three equal shares, one of which to be for the first settled Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for the School; and that on each of the other sixty shares the Petitioners do within three years from the confirmation of the Plan, have settled one good family, who shall have a House built on his home lot of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least and finished, that each Right or Grant have six acres of Land brought to and plowed, or brought to english Grass and fitted for mowing, that they settle a learned orthodox Minister, and build and finish a convenient Meeting House for the publick Worship of GOD, and the said Committee are hereby directed to take bond of each Settler of *Forty Pounds* for his faithful complying with and performing the Conditions of Settlement, and in case any of the said Settlers fail of performing the aforesaid Conditions, then his or their Right Share or Interest in said Town to revert to and be at the disposition of the Province.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 3, 1735.]

On the Petition of Capt. *Nathanael Bowman*, and others, *Canada* Officers and Soldiers *Anno* 1690, as entred the 5*th*. of *June* 1734, which was read and accepted, and thereupon the House came into a Vote for a Grant of a Township to the Petitioners of six miles square, lying North of the *Narragansett* Town called number *Three*, on the same Conditions of Settlement as the aforesaid Grants were made. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 14, 1735–6.]

Joseph Wilder, Esq: brought down the Petition of *John Simpson*, and others, praying for a grant of a Township, as entred the 3*d*. ult, with the Vote of the House thereon, Pass'd in Council, *viz*. In Council *January* 14*th*. 1735. Read and concur'd with the Amendment, *viz*. at the end the Vote—add—*and that the said Committee be and hereby are impowred to sue out the bonds and recover the possession of the forfeited Lots (if any be) at the expiration of the three years, and to grant them over to other Persons that will comply with the Conditions within one year next after the said Grant, and the bonds to be made and given to the said Committee and their successors in said trust.*

Sent down for Concurrence. Read and concur'd.

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 14, 1735–6.]

In the House of Represent[a] In answer to the petition of John Simpson & others *Voted* That the prayer of the petition be Granted & that - - - - - together with such as shall be Joined by the Hon[ble] Board be a Com[tee] at the Charge of the pet[rs] to lay out a Township of the Contents of Six Miles square at the place petitioned for[1] or some other Suitable place and that they Return a plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation; And for the more Effectual bringing forward a Settlement of the said New town *Ordered* that the said Town be laid out into Sixty three Equal Shares One of which to be for the first Settled Minister, One for the Ministry and one for the School and that on each of the other Sixty Shares The pet[rs] do within three Years from the Confirmation of the Plan have Settled one Good Family who shall have a house built on his home lott of Eighteen feet Square and Seven feet Stud at the least, and finished, that each Right or Grant have Six Acres of Land brought to and plowed or brought to English Grass and fitted for Mowing that they Settle a Learned and Orthodox Minister and build and finish a Convenient Meeting house for the publick Worship of God, And the said Com[tee] are hereby directed to take Bond of each Settler of Forty pounds for his faithfull Complying with and performing the Conditions of Settlement, And in Case the said Settlers fail of performing any

[1] Lands lying near Lambstown, Paquoig, &c.

of the abovesaid Conditions of Settlement, then his or their Right Share or Interest in said Town to Revert to and be at the Disposition of the province and that the said Com^tee^ be and hereby are Impowred to sue out the Bonds and Recover possession of the forfeited Lotts if any be at the Expiration of the three Years and to Grant them over to other persons that will Comply with the Conditions within one Year next after the said Grant And the Bonds to be made and given to the said Com^tee^ and their Successors in the said Trust—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 16, 1735–6.]

On the petition of John Simpson and others Entred Jan'ry 14, 1735,

Ordered that Cap^t^ William Collins and M^r^ Ebenezer Parker with such as shall be Joined with the Hon^ble^ Board, be a Com^tee^ to take a plat of the within Township & Effectual Care that the same be brought forward to all Intents & purposes Agreeable to the Conditions of the Grant—

In Council Read & Concurr'd and William Dudley Esq^r^ is Joined in the Affair—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 9, p. 17.]

Mid^x^ ss Dunstable Jan^r^ y^e^ 28^th^ 1735.

Jerathmeel Cumings as Surveyor and Zacheus Lovewell & James Cumings as Chainmen personally appearing before me y^e^ Subscriber one of his Majesties Justices of the peace for the County of Mid^x^ made Oath that in Surveying And measureing a Township granted by the Gen^ll^ Court to M^r^ John Simpson And Others, thay would deal truly and faithfully in their Respective trusts.

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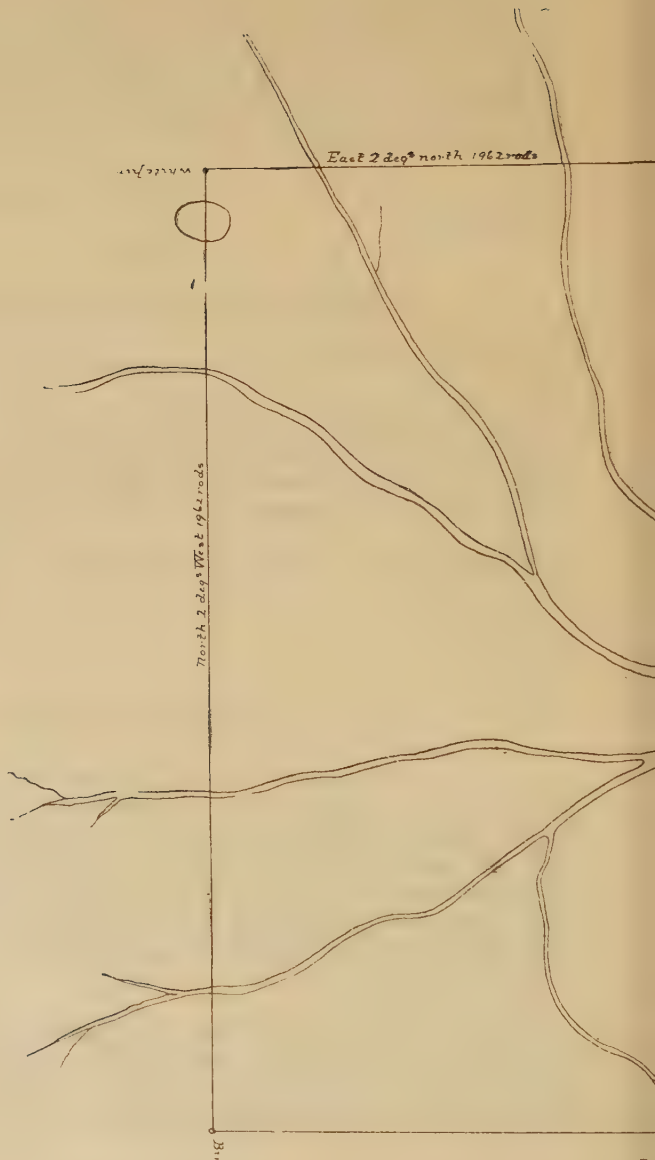
I The Subscriber together w^th^ Zacheus Lovewell and James Cumings as Chainmen have Lay'd out Pursuant to the Grant of the Gen^ll^ Court, To M^r^ John Simpson & Others Petitioners with him for a Township in the unappropriated Lands of the province of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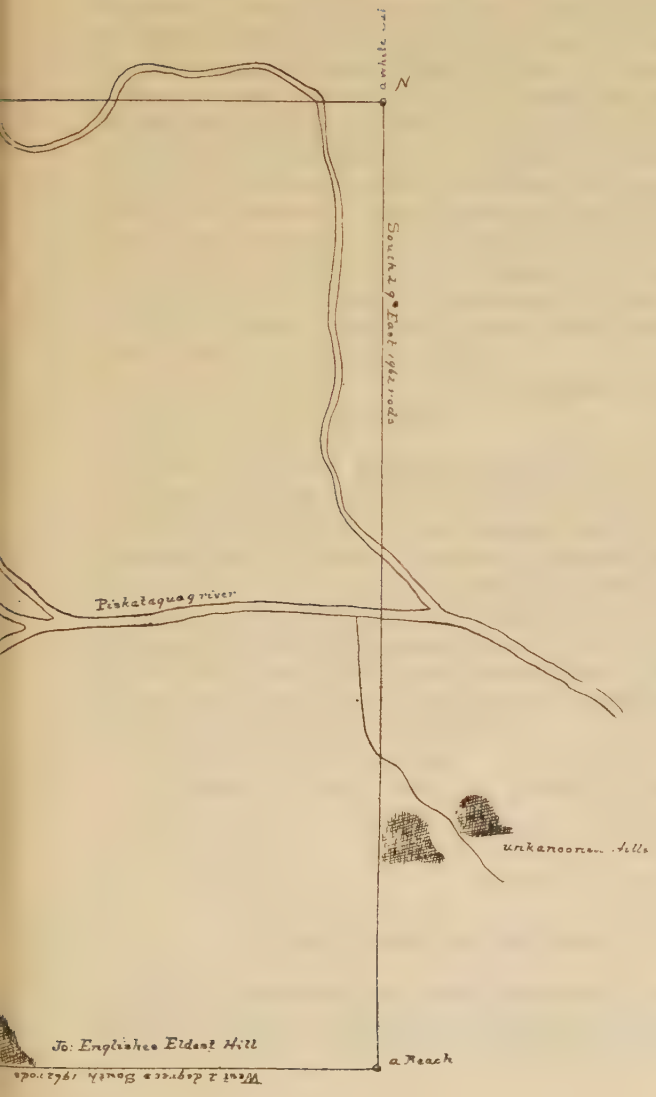
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The Contents of Six miles Square with one thousand Acres Added for ponds that Lye within the S^{d} township, and have bounded it thus Beginning at a Beach tree one of the Corners of the Narragansit town N^{o} 5 and in the north Line of y^{e} Narragansit N^{o} 3: from thence runing two degrees South of the West by y^{e} S^{d} Narragansit Town N^{o} 3 four miles & three Quarters to the northwest corner of the s^{d} Township from thence the Same Course one mile and one hundred and Twenty Rods to a Burch tree marked from thence the line turn's and run's North two degrees to the west By Province Land Six miles and fourty two rods to a white pine tree marked from thence the line turns & Run's East two Degrees north by Province Lands Six miles and fourty two Rods to a white Oake tree marked from thence we run South two degrees East Partly by Province Lands & partly by the Narragansit town afores^{d} N^{o} 5 to the beach tree the first mentioned bound with two rods in Each hundred, Added for uneveness of Land and Swagg of Chain w^{ch} said Lands Lye on the west side Merrimack river on the Branches of Piscataquag river.

Jerahmeel Cumings—Surveyor

February The 12th 1735—

In the House of Representatives March 19th 1735. Read and Ordered That the plot be accepted and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said John Simpson and the other Grantees mentioned in their petition passed the last Sitting of the Court their heirs & assigns respectively for ever provided the plot exceeds not the quantity of Six Miles Square and One thousand acres of Land an allowance for ponds within the Tract, and does not interfere with any other or former Grant, provided also the petitioners their heirs or assigns comply with the conditions of the Grant

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^{kr}

In Council: March 20, 1735, Read & Concur'd,

Simon Frost Dep^{t} Sec'ry

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, March 19, 1735–6.]

A Plat containing six miles square of Land laid out by *Jerahmeel Cummings* Surveyor, and two Chain men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court of the 3*d* day of *December* last, made to

John Simpson and divers others, lying adjoining to the *Naraganset* Towns Numb. *Three*, and Numb. *Five*, and on Province Lands, with an allowance of a thousand acres of Land for Ponds lying within the Plat, was presented for allowance, Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be allowed, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said *John Simpson* and the other Grantees mentioned in their Petition, passed the last sitting of the Court, their heirs and assigns respectively for ever, provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of six miles square, and one thousand acres of Land an allowance for Ponds within the tract, and does not interfere with any other or former Grant, provided also the Petitioners their heirs or assigns comply with the Conditions of the Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, March 20, 1735–6.]

A Plat of a Township of Six Miles Square, Granted by the General Court to John Simpson & others, Surveyed by Jarahmeel Cummins & Chainmen on oath; begining at a Beach tree, being one of the Corners of the Narraganset Town Number five, and in the North line of the Narraganset Town Number three, thence Runing West 2 deg. South by the said Town Number three four Miles and three Quarters to the North West Corner of the said Township, then on the same Course One Mile & one hundred & twenty Rods, to a Birch tree; thence North two deg: West by Province lands Six Miles & forty two Rods, to a white pine tree Mark'd; Thence South 2 deg. east partly by province Land & partly by the Narraganset Town Number five to the Beach first mentioned—

[Mass. House Journal, June 14, 1736.]

Ebenezer Pomroy, Esq; brought down a Petition of *John Simpson* and others, setting forth their grateful acknowledgments for the Grant of a Township made them by this Court in *December* last, subjected to Conditions of Settlement, and praying they may be allowed by their Committee to give bond in a sufficient Sum for the fulfilment of the said Conditions of the whole sixty Grantees, so that if either of the Grantees shall fail of performing

the Conditions of the Grant, or complying with the Votes and Orders they may pass among themselves, for the effectual Settlement of the Township agreable to the intent of the Court, the Right of such Grantee shall be forfeit to the other Grantees, for the reasons mentioned, they having agreed to build the Houses &c. by a joint Stock, which accompanied an unanimous Vote of the Grantees to the purposes aforesaid. Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *June 12th.* 1736. Read and sent down.

Read and the Question was put, *Whither the prayer of the Petition shall be granted?* It pass'd in the Negative, and *Ordered*, That the Petition be dismiss'd. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 14, 1736–7.]

A Complaint of Mr. *Joseph Marion* of *Boston*, setting forth that he signed a Petition called the Petition of *John Simpson* and others, for a Township, which Petition has been granted by the Court; that he imagined he was equally intitled with the other Petitioners to the benefit of the said Township, but that Mr. *Andrew Lane* of *Boston*, as the Complainant says he doubts not to prove, cut off his Name from the Petition; whereby he conceives himself greatly injured; that he did not within twenty Days after the present sitting of the Court discover that the said *Lane* had thus *Mutilated* the Record, praying his Name may be inserted among the said Petitioners, and have equal Benefit with them in the Grant, for the reasons mentioned. Read, and the Complainant was admitted into the House, but the said *Lane* not being present, the affair was referred to the afternoon for Consideration.

Post Meridiem.

The House entred into the Consideration of the Complaint of *Joseph Marion*, and the Complainant with Mr. *Andrew Lane* attending at the Door were admitted in and fully heard thereon, and then they withdrew; and the matter being fully considered, the Question was put, *Whither the Prayer of the Complainant shall be granted?* It pass'd in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente.*

[Mass. House Journal, June 17, 1737.]

A Petition signed *Andrew Lane*, in behalf of the present Proprietors of the Township granted to *John Simpson* and others, lying on the Banks of *Piscataquioag River* in the County of *Middlesex*, praying they may obtain a Grant of some of the unappropriated Lands, being Part of the Southermost Part of *Narragansett* Number *Four* so called, from the Line of Col. *Gorham's* Township to *Narragansett* Number *Five*, and from the Petitioners Township East to *Merrimack River*, and that all the said Lands within the Lines above, which includes several private Grants may be annexed to the Petitioners Township and accounted all one intire Township, and among other Duties, they are willing over and above to pay *sixty Pounds* towards building a Bridge over *Nashua River* in such Place as shall be ordered by the Court. Read and *Ordered*, That the Petition be considered on Thursday the 23*d*. Instant.

[Mass. House Journal, June 23, 1737.]

A Petition of the Proprietors of the Township granted to *John Simpson* and others, lying on the Banks of *Piscatquoiag River* in the County of *Middlesex* praying for an additional Grant to their Township, that they are willing to pay among other Duties *sixty Pounds* towards building a Bridge over *Nashua River*, as entred the 17*th*. currant, Read again, and the Question was put, *Whither the Prayer of the Petition shall be granted?* It pass'd in the Negative.

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 115, p. 841.]

A List of the Names Subscribed to y^e^ Aforementioned Petition Viz^t^

Andrew Lane	Byfield Lyde	John Hill
John Spooner	John Read	Sam^l^ Tyler
John Boydell	John Homans	Jon^a^ Williams Jun^r^
Joshua Henshaw Jun^r^	Benj^a^ Clark	Jacob Hurd
James Townsend	W^m^ Salter	Tho^s^ Downe
Zac^a^ Johonnot	Dan^l^ Loring	John Crocker
W^m^ Speakman	Tho^s^ Greene	Gilbert Warner

John Larrabee	John Green	Rufus Greene
Thos Forster	John Arbuthnott	James Gould
Joseph Green	Isaac Walker	Robert Jenkins
Benja Bagnall	Richd Checkley	John Maverick
Joshua Thomas	Thos Hancock	John Simpson
John Carnes	James Halsey	John Tyler
John Steel	Danl Goffe	Charles Coffin
Ebenr Bridge	Danl Pecker	Wm Lee
Henry Howell	Job Lewis	Thos Bulfinch
John Indicott	John Erving	James Day

A True Copy Examd ℔

Thad Mason Dept Secry

att a Meeting of ye Propriators Apl 21st 1736 Wm Dudley Esqr Chosen Moderator Wm Salter Clerk Thos Greene Treasurer

Wm Dudley Esqr Josiah Willard Esqr of Lunenburgh John Chandler Junr Esqr Wm Bant Gideon Ball Capt Edward Durant Gershom Keys Robt Auchmooty Esqr Admitted Associates to ye Originall Petitioners & ye other Lott to make up ye 60 was Reservd in Common

Voted yt ye Committee Imploy a Surveyor & Chainman to Lay out ye home lotts which was Accordingly done

built a Saw Mill Raised a Meeting house & built Sixty Houses Clear'd Roads built bridges &c ye Committee upon ye Whole Expended as much as Amounted to Each Share between Seventy & Eighty pounds Old Tennor which each owner paid Readily (& Nottwithstanding Said Grant on ye Divisionall Line being Run between the Provinces sd Grant fell within ye Line of New hampshire) they were determin'd to Settle ye Same Agreable to ye Grant of this Province & Some Settlers were on ye Premises & many More Agreed with to go on, Some Hunters or Evill minded persons by Setting Fire to ye Woods many of Said houses & pt of ye Meeting house were burnt, which together with ye Expectation of a French war & which did Soon After Happen putt a Stop to any further progress for yt time, the next lett or Discouragement was a Number of ye Gentlemen of ye Province of New hampshire purchasers of Masons Claim gave them to Understand they Should not allow them to go on under Sd Grant from this Province unless they would Come under them & Acknowledge their Purchase Legall & Valid whereupon they did by a Committee wait on sd Claimers & finding their Demands as they thought Extravagant Nothing Since has been done as Proprietors some few have in

their own Right disposd of their Shares to Inhabitants of y^{t} Province at a Less Sum Than they had Expended Rather than have any further Contention with s^{d} Masons Claimers; The Above Township Lyes on the branches of Piscataquaog River nigh Merrimack Above Dunstable.

With y^{e} Above Grant is the Substance of y^{e} Case as it now stands—

Attest W^{m} Salter Proprietors Clerk

Suffolk ss Boston 25th March 1751

Cap^{t} William Salter appeared & made solemn oath that the following Return is to the best of his knowledge just & true

Before me Tho^{s} Hubbard Just Peace

NEWINGTON.

[Formerly a part of Dover, known as *Bloody Point*. The date of incorporation is doubtful, but is given by some authorities as July, 1764. A small portion of the town was severed and annexed to Portsmouth, June 26, 1821.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 153; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 710; Index to Laws, 404; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 392; consult authorities cited under title of Dover.]

[*Petition of Bloody Point to Belong to Dover Instead of Portsmouth.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 3, p. 442.]

To the Right Wor^{ll} Governour and the Wor^{ll} Assistants of the Massachusetts

The humble peticon of the inhabitants of Blody poynt in the River Pascataway.

Humbly showing unto you^{r} good Wor^{pps} that you^{r} peticon^{rs} the inhabitants of Bloody poynt being as they are informed ordered to be wthin the Township of Strawberry Banck w^{ch} was done altogeather against our consent wee ever having beene wthin the towneship of Dover & in Combinatio^{n} wth them at ou^{r} entrance under you^{r} gov^{r}ment and had promise from yo^{u} to enjoy all our lawfull libertyes of felling Timber & the like w^{ch} you^{r} petition^{rs} are De-

barrd of w^ch^ is upon record in you^r^ Books and have beene formerly to their great losse & dammage, Alsoe you^r^ petion^rs^ further shew unto you^r^ good Wor^pps^ that Strawberry Banck lyeth 4 Myles from them or therabouts wherby they shalbe Debarred from hearing the word by reason of the Tides falling out that wee cannot goe but once a fortnight & then can stay but ꝑte of the day w^ch^ will rather be a day of toyle & labour then rest unto the Lord & yet must be forced to pay for the mainetenance of their Minister And sithence the Court they have layd out to themselves 50. 100: or 200 Acres a pte round about us penning us up & deniing us falling of any Timber w^th^out their leave & making every one that will have of the said Land to pay yearely 50^s^ for a C Acres & soe after the rate for more or lest they being some 14 or 15 familyes living remote from one another scatering upon the River 2 miles & 4: 5. o 6 myle from us yet have taken to themselves all ou^r^ best land adjoyning to us

Humbly Beseeching you^r^ good Wor^pps^ to be pleased to take ou^r^ Case into you^r^ cerious consideracons & to take some order for us that wee may enjoy ou^r^ former libertyes & continue in the same Towneship we were of And that the order of Court may be confirmed w^ch^ was that ou^r^ Neck should be in Dover Towne otherwise wee shalbe forced to remove w^ch^ wilbe to ou^r^ undoing being poore familyes And you^r^ poore peticon^rs^ shalbe bound to pray for yo^r^ Worpps &c [a]

The names of the Inhabitants that agree to this peticon

The mke of James +++ Johnson — Seba Godard (?)
The mke of ++ Thomas Canning
the mke of ⋈ Henry Langstaffe
the mke of Thomas F ffurson — John Fayer[weather?]
the mke § of william [illegible] — Oliver Frimington
William Jones — Whillie Lewis
Thomas Trissel (?) — the mark of [illegible] A H

NEW IPSWICH.

[Granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 15, 1735–6, to John Wainwright, John Choate, and others, inhabitants of Ipswich, Mass. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, April 17, 1750, to Reuben Kidder and others. Incorporated as *Ipswich*, Sept. 9, 1762. Incorporated as New Ipswich, March 6, 1766.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 604; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 730; Index to Laws, 402; Sketches of History, by Charles Walker, 5, Collections of N. H.

Historical Society, p. 155; History from First Grant, 1736, to 1852, by F. Kidder and A. A. Gould, 1852, pp. 488; Historical Discourse, by Samuel Lee, 1860, pub. 1861, pp. 88; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 610.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 15, 1722.]

A Petition Signed *John Wainwright* in behalf of himself and 80 others Inhabitants of the Town of *Ipswich*, praying that as the Lands which they Surveyed by Order of this House is not suitable to make a Settlement for a Township. They are informed that there is a Tract between *Shew-brook* which is the Southermost bounds of the Land lately Surveyed between *Suncook* and *Cuntacook* and *Amaskeeg-Falls*, consisting of good Land suitable for a Township. Praying that it may be granted to them, &c. Read, and referred to the Committee appointed to consider the Report of Mr. *Buckminster*, Mr. *Sheple*, and Mr. *Winslew*, to make their Report thereon also. And that the Accompt of the Expences given in by Col. *Buckminster*, &c. be also referred to them.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 14, 1735–6.]

A motion was made by *John Wainwright*, and *John Choate*, Esqrs; Representatives of the Town of *Ipswich* in the County of *Essex* in behalf of sundry Inhabitants of said Town, praying that a Grant of some of the unappropriated Lands of the Province for a Township may be made to some of the Inhabitants of the said Town; which was seconded by divers Members; and the House thereupon came into the following Vote, *viz.* In answer to the prayer of *John Wainwright*, and *John Choate*, Esqrs; Representatives of the Town of *Ipswich*, in behalf of sundry Inhabitants of said Town, *Voted*, That the prayer be granted, and that *John Wainwright*, and *John Choate*, Esqrs; together with such as shall be joined by the honourable Board, be a Committee at the charge of the Grantees, such of the said Inhabitants as they shall think most proper, to lay out a Township of the contents of six miles square, in some of the ungranted Lands of the Province, and that they return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation; and for the more effectual bringing forward the Settlement of the said new Town, *Ordered*,

That the said Town be laid out into sixty three equal shares, one of which to be for the first settled Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for the School; and that on each of the other sixty shares the Grantees do within three years from the confirmation of the Plat settle one good family, who shall have an House built on his home lot of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least and finished, that each Right or Grant have six acres of Land brought to and ploughed, or brought to english Grass and fitted for mowing, that they settle a learned orthodox Minister, and build and finish a convenient Meeting House for the publick Worship of GOD; that the said Committee take bond of each Settler of *Forty Pounds* for his complying with the Conditions of Settlement; and that each Settler that shall fail of performing the aforesaid Conditions, shall forfeit his Share or Right in said new Town to the Government, and the same shall be disposed of as they shall see cause.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 15, 1735–6.]

In the House of Represent[a] In Answer to the prayer of John Wainwright and John Choat Esq[rs] Represent[a] of the Town of Ipswich in behalf of Sundry Inhabitants of said Town, *Voted* that the prayer be Granted and that John Wainwright and John Choat Esq[rs] with such as shall be Joined by the Hon[ble] Board be a Com[tee] at the Charge of the Grantees (such of the Inhabitants as they shall think most proper) to lay out a Township of the Contents of Six Miles Square in some of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province and that they Return a plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for confirmation And for the more Effectual bringing forward a Settlement of the said New town *Ordered* That the said Town be laid out into Sixty three Equal Shares one of which to be for the first Settled Minister One for the Ministry and one for the School and that on each of the other Sixty Shares the Grantees do within three Years after the Confirmation of the Plan Settle one Good family who shall have a house built on his Home lott of Eighteen feet Square and Seven feet Stud at the least and finished, that each Right or Grant have Six Acres of Land brought to and plowed or brought to English Grass and fitted for mowing, that they Settle a Learned Orthodox Minister and Build a Convenient Meeting house for the Publick Worship of God, that the

said Com^tee take Bond of each Settler of forty pounds for his Complying with the Conditions of Settlement and that each Settler that shall fail of performing the aforesaid Conditions shall forfeit his Share or Right in the said New Town to the Government and the same to be Disposed of as they shall see Cause—

In Council Read and Concurred & Thomas Berry Esq^r is Joined with the Com^tee of the House in the said Affair—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, March 20, 1735–6.]

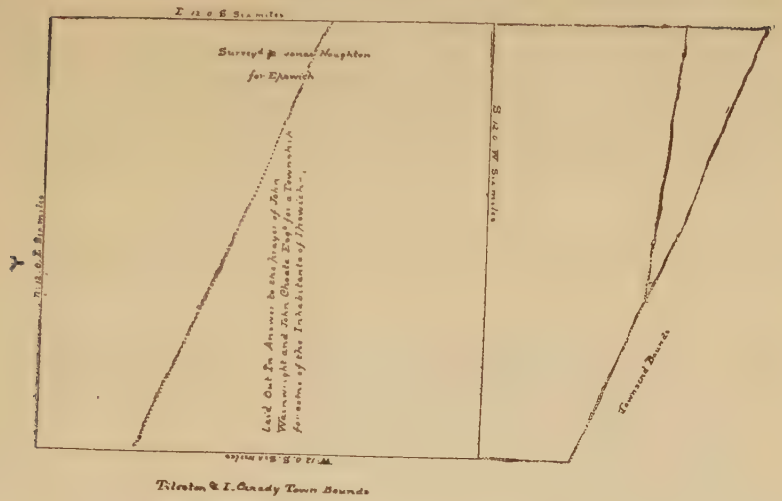
A Plat containing six miles square of Land laid out by *Jonas Houghton* Surveyor, and two Chain men on Oath to satisfy a Grant of this Court, as entred the 14*th* of *January* last to sundry Inhabitants of *Ipswich*, bounded Southerly by the *Canada* Town lately granted on the petition of *Thomas Tileston*, Esq; and others, Southerly partly on *Townshend* and partly on Province Land &c. was presented for allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the within Plat be and hereby is accepted, as it is reformed by the prick'd lines within set forth so as the Township adjoins to *Townshend*; and the Lands within mentioned and so described are confirmed to the Grantees mentioned in the Grant of the Township made by this Court in their late sitting to sundry Inhabitants of the Township of *Ipswich* on the prayer of *John Wainwright* and *John Choate*, Esqrs; and to their heirs and assigns respectively for ever, they performing the Conditions of the Grant, provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of six miles square of Land, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, March 20, 1735–6.]

A Plat of a Tract of Land laid out by Jonas Houghton Survey^r and Chainmen on Oath to fulfill a Grant of Six Miles Square of Land for a Township made by the General Court to the Inhabitants of the town of Ipswich Bordering Southerly on a Township laid out to Tileston & others Canada Soldiers and adjoyning to the Town of Townshend—

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 9, p. 6.]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Granted Bounds
Tilston & Cassady Town Bounds

In the House of Representatives, March 20th 1735, Read and Ordered that the within plat be and hereby is Accepted as it is reformed by the prickt lines within set forth so as the township adjoins to Townshend and the Lands within mentioned and so described are confirmed to the Grantees mentioned in the Grant of the township made by this Court in their late Sitting to Sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Ipswich on the prayer of John Wainwright and John Choate Esqrs; and to their heirs and assigns respectively for Ever they Performing the Conditions of the Grant provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of Six Miles square of Land and does not interfere with any former Grant—

Sent up for Concurrence — J. Quincy Spkr
In Council; March 20, 1735—
Read & Concurr'd — Simon Frost Dept Sec'ry.
Consented to— — J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, March 26, and House Journal, March 25, 1736.]

In the House of Representa *Ordered* That Thomas Berry Esqr be and hereby is Authorized and Impowred to Assemble and Convene the Proprietors and Grantees of the New Township,

lately Granted to some of the Inhabitants of the Town of Ipswich, in Some Convenient place and Suitable time, to Chuse a Proprietors Clerk and pass such votes and orders as they shall Judge Necessary for Carrying on the Settlement of the new Township in the most Speedy Manner, Agreeable to the Conditions of the Grant and how to Call their Meetings for the future—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 2, and House Journal, Jan. 12, 1736–7.]

In the House of Represent^a *Voted* That Seventeen hundred Acres of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province be and hereby is given & Granted to the proprietors or Grantees of the Township lately Granted to Sixty Inhabitants of the Town of Ipswich, as an Equivalent for about that Quantity, being taken out of their plat by the proprietors of the Common Lands of Groton. And that the Ipswich Grantees be Allowed to take out the same on the Northern or Western line of the said New Township or on both sides

In Council Read & Nonconcurr'd—

[*Petition of Proprietors of New Ipswich for Equivalent Grant, 1767.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 118, p. 267.]

To His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq^r to the Honourable His Majesty's Council, and to the Honourable House of Representatives, in General Court assembled May 1767.

The Petition of sundry Persons Grantees of the Town of *New Ipswich*, lately so called, & the legal Representatives of Grantees of said Town, *Humbly Sheweth*

That the Great & General Court or Assembly of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay did in the Month of January Anno Domini 1735, grant unto Sixty of the Inhabitants of the Town of Ipswich a Township of the Contents of Six Miles square, which was called New Ipswich, that afterwards the said Township fell within the Province of New Hampshire, that your Petitioners,

after having been at very great & long continued Expence, lost their several Rights in said Township, & because very great Sufferers, they having built a Meeting House, a Saw-Mill, Bridges, &c^{a}, besides expending a great Deal on their several Rights; wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray, that your Excellency & Honours would be pleased to take the Premisses into your Consideration, & grant unto them an Equivalent in some of the ungranted Lands of this Province, or make them such other Compensation as to your Wisdom shall seem meet; and your Petitioners as in Duty bound, shall ever pray &c^{a}

Samuel Wigglesworth

Nathaniel Rogers, for the Rev^{d} M^{r} John Rogers late of Ipswich Deceas'd

Nathaniel Rogers, in his own Right.

Elizabeth Appleton Adm^{rx} on Daniel Appleton Esq^{r} Dec^{d}

John Walley
Elizabeth Walley
Mary Appleton
} Heirs of said Daniel, who owned five original Rights, namely, the Right of Daniel Appleton Esq^{r}, John Appleton Esq^{r}, John Wainwright Esq^{r}, Thomas Cross, and Nathaniel Wells.

John Smith

Richard Brown on original Right of Jer^{h} Fitts

Andrew Burley Ex^{r} on And^{w} Burley Esq^{r} Dec^{d}

William Brown

Daniel Rogers for Rich^{d} Rogers Esq^{r} Late of Ipsw^{h} de^{d}

Thomas Dennis

Isaac Appleton

W^{m} Dodge Purchesed y^{e} Wright Joseph Abbe

Jeremiah Perkins

John Treadwell

Thomas Norton

Francis Choat for my Farther Cap^{t} Thomas Choat

Thomas Choat ju^{r}

Francis Choat for him Self

Jonathan Cogswell for M^{r} William Cogswell

John Kinsman for L^{t} James Burnam

Nehemiah Choat for Cap^{t} Robert Choate

Abraham Knowlton for Cp^{t} Knowlton

Thomas Smith

Daniel Eveleth

John Berry for Tho^{s} Berry Esq^{r} Decsed

PELHAM.

[Constituted from parts of Old Dunstable and Dracut, Mass., and incorporated July 5, 1746. Named in honor of Thomas Pelham Holles, Duke of Newcastle. The charter was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors, April 27, 1774. The town was divided into two parishes, Jan. 4, 1787, but the act was repealed in 1792. The town was severed from Rockingham County and annexed to Hillsborough, Dec. 10, 1824. A gore of land between Pelham and Windham was annexed to Pelham, June 29, 1830.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volmes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 652; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 142; Index to Laws, 424; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885; p. 631.]

[Grant to John Endicott, Jr.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 31, 1660.]

In Ans^r^ to the petition of m^r^ John Endecott Jun^r^ humbly Craving the Confirmation of a deed of Certaine lands to him Given by Pompassenoway alias old william &c The Court doe not Judge meete to Confirme the Indians deed but Considering y^e^ many kindnesses y^t^ were shewn to the Indians by o^r^ Honnored Gov^r^no^r^ in the Infancy of these plantations for the pacifying the Indians tending to the Comon Good of the first planters In Consideration whereof the Indians were moved to such a Gratuity unto his Sonne doe Judge meete to Give y^e^ petitioner fower hundred acres of land provided It be not formerly Graunted & be no prejudice to any plantacion to be sett out by such a Comittee as this Court shall appoint/

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 16, 1660.]

Laid out unto m^r^ John Endecott Jun^r^ fower hundred acres of land more or lesse in the wildernes on the east side of merremacke River about six miles Northward from Patuckitt falls and w^th^in one mile of Beavor brook at a great hill Called by the Indians masheshattuck lying on the west of the forementioned brooke and as it were betweene two great hills and neare Adjoyning to a pond on the southwest Called by the Indians pemmemitte-quonnitt and is surrounded by wildernes land being sufficiently bounded by trees

marked w^th^ E: and is more fully demonstrated by a platt taken of the same

B Jonathan Danforth Surveior

The Court Allowes & Approoves of y^e^ Returne./

PEMBROKE.

[Granted by Massachusetts, Aug. 6, 1728, to Capt. John Lovewell and others, and known as *Suncook* and *Lovewell's-town*. Incorporated as Pembroke, Nov. 1, 1759, and named probably in honor of the Earl of Pembroke. The town was divided into two parishes, Dec. 17, 1763. The boundary line was extended to the bank of Suncook River, Dec. 24, 1798, to settle a dispute between Pembroke and Allenstown. All that part of Bow on the east side of Merrimack River was annexed to Pembroke and Concord Dec. 13, 1804.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 657; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 153; Index to Laws, 424; historical sketch, by John N. McClintock, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 560; History, now in preparation.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 29, 1727.]

Thomas Fitch Esq, brought down a Petition of *David Melven* and *William Ayer*, for themselves, and at the instance of Thirty others, Soldiers late in the Service of this Province, under the Command of Capt. *John Lovewell* deceased, praying that in Consideration of the many hard Services and Fatigues, Wounds &c. they received in the Service, as particularly are Enumerated in the Petitition, they may have a Grant of a Tract of Land on each side *Merrimack—River* next the Township lately Granted at *Penny-Cook*, of such Extent as may be thought Suitable for the Erecting the same into a Township for the reasons mentioned, Pass'd in Council *viz.* In Council *June 27*, 1727. Read and Sent down Recommended. Read.

[*Names of Lovewell's Men, 1728.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 72, p. 367.]

ADVERTISEMENT.

THESE may Certify whom it may concern, That the General Assembly of this Province at their Session begun and held the

29th of *May* 1728, Pass'd a Resolve for granting two Tracts of unappropriated Land for Townships of the Contents of Six Miles square each, to the Persons whether Officers or Soldiers, belonging to this Province, who were in the Service of their Country in the *Narraganset* War: And all such Officers and Soldiers now surviving, and the legal Representatives of those that are Deceased, are desired to give or send into the Secretaries Office Lists of their Names and Descents, to be laid before the General Court at their next Fall Session.

J. Willard, Secr.

Acc° of Persons w^n y^e 10 Indians were Killed—

Jn° White	Sam Tarbol	Jer: Hunt
Eben Wright	Jos: Read	Sam Moor
Phin Foster	Fr^a Doyen	S Hilton
Jn° Pollard	Ben Walker	Jos Wright
Jn° Varnum	Rob^t Ford	Ben Parker
Sam Shattock	Jacob Ames	Jn° Stephens
Jos: Wheelock	Sam Sawyer	Ezr^a Sawyer
Jon^a Houghton	James Houghton	Hen^ry Willard
Jacob Gates	Joseph Whitcomb	Sam^ll Learned
Robt Phelps	Moses Graves	Moses Hazzen
John Livingston	Jeremi Pearly	W^m Hutchins
Jacob Cory	Oliver Pollard	Sam^ll Trull
Ben^a Parker	W^m Spalden	Sam^ll Fletcher
Jn° Duncom	Jethro Ames	John Sawyer
Moses Chandler	Josep Wilson	Jon^a Parks
Joshua Webster	Sam^ll Johnson	Steph Murrill
Jacob Pearly	John Hazzen	Eb: Brown
Jon^a Ferren	sam^ll Stickney	Joshua Hutchins
Benony Boynton	Eph Farnsworth	Ruben Farnsworth
Tho^s Farmer	Rich Hall	Neh. Robinson
Jon^a Parks	Caleb Dolton	62

at Killing the ten Indians Lovell & White 88:

[*Report of Committee on Grants to Lovewell's Men, 1728.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 72, p. 369.]

The Committee having seen the muster Roll of the within named Lovell and Company, finde that at the march to Pegwacket there were in all forty seven men, three of w^ch Returnd home

Sick & Lame, and ten of them Stayed at Ossapy to build a shelter for retreat We also finde that on the march under the said Lovell When the ten Indians were Kil'd there were Eighty Eight men, twenty six of which were in the Expedition to Pegwacket and that Sixty Two of them did not go on the said march to Pegwacket

The Comittee are therefore of opinion that the Land mentioned In the within petition Running the same wedth on Each Side of Merrimack River as the Town of Pennycook does and so to Extend on the River from the South bounds of s^{d} Town of Penny Cook as to make up the contents of six miles Square be Granted to the said forty seven men and to the Legal Representatives of such of them as are since deceased and that thirteen of the sixty two which were In the first march and not on the Pegwacket march which shall first offer & In their own persons Settle upon the s^{d} Land shall be admitted Eaqual Sharers with the other forty seven which with one Lott or share w^{ch} shall be sett apart and given to the first minister that Settle there in y^{e} worke of the ministry and one Lott for the ministry and one for the Schooll will make the number of Sixty three Lotts the first sixty proprieters to pay their Eaquall proportion of the charge of petitioning and Surveying and that the petitioners Have Leave by a Surveyor & Chainmen under Oath to Lay out the said Land and Return a plan thereof to this Court at their Sessions In may next In Order to have the same settled as this Court shall then Direct

In the House of Representatives June 29th 1727 Read

In the House of Representatives July 29th 1728

Read again & Committed to the Committee for petitions

The Committee are of opinion that in Answer to this Petition a Survey at y^{e} Charge of the Province be Made on the Land within mentioned of the Contents of Six Miles Square, In order to make a Grant thereof to y^{e} Petit^{rs} and Such others as were in Capt: Lovel's Company in the Late Action at Pigwackett & their Legal Representatives Under Such Restrictions & Limitations as this Court Shall order John Quincy ℘ order

Not Accepted

[Mass. House Journal, July 29, 1728.]

A Petition of *David Melven* and *William Ayer* in behalf of themselves and sundry others Soldiers in the Service of the Province under the Command of the late Capt. *Lovewell*, praying for a

Tract of Land next the Township of *Penny-Cook*, as entred the *29th* of *June* 1727. Read again and Committed to the Committee for Petitions.

[Mass. Court Records, Aug. 6, and House Journal, Aug. 5, 1728.]

A Petition of David Melvin & William Ayer for themselves & a Number of other Persons who served as Voluntiers against the Indians in the late War under the Command of Cpt. John Lovewell, Praying that a Tract of the Province Land for a Township may be granted them in consideration of their Services which they have done & the great Difficulties which they have undergone in the War:

In the House of Represent^ves^ Read & In answer to this Petition, *Resolved* that the Contents of six miles square of Land lying & being on each side of Merrimack River, of the same breadth from Mermack River as the Township of Pennicook, to begin where Pennicook new Grant determines which is one hundred rods to the Southwards & thence to extend the Lines of the East & West Bounds on Right Angles until the six miles square of Land be compleated as afore said; be hereby is granted unto the forty seven Soldiers & the legal Represent^ves^ of such of them as are deceased, who marched out with the said Cpt. Lovewell (himself included) when he engaged the Enemy at Pigwacket; & also the first thirteen of the sixty two Men who were in the first March with the said Lovewell & not in the Pigwacket March who shall offer; & in their own Persons settle upon the Land shal also be admitted equal Sharers & Proprietors with the forty seven above mentioned, making sixty in the Whole; And that there be also granted three other full Shares or Lots out of the said six miles square equal to any of the sixty; viz, One to the first settled Minister, One for the Ministry, & One for the Use of the School; That the Petitioners have leave by a Survey^r^ & Chain men under Oath to survey & lay out the said Grant of Land, & return a Plat thereof to this Court in their next May Session, that so the same may be put under such Restrictions & Limitations for the effectual Settlement thereof as may be then thought proper, in Order to the Confirmation of the Grant; The whole Charge to be born by the sixty Grantees first mentioned.

In Council; Read & Concur'd;—

Consented to Wm Burnet

[Mass. Court Records, July 9, 1729.]

A Plat of a Tract of Land granted by the General Assembly in August 1728, to the Voluntiers that were under Cpt. John Lovewell at Pigwacket Fight &c surveyed by Jonas Houghton, bounded Northerly on the Addition of Land made to Penicook, & every way else by undivided Land; It begins at a white Maple, the South east Corner of said Penicook Addition & runs West 17 Degrees South by the Needle seven miles to a Hemlock; then South 17 Deg. East five Miles & ninety six Perch to a white Pine; then East 17 Deg. North seven miles to a Heap of Stones; then North 17 Deg. West, five miles & ninety six Perch to where it first began; There is allowed one Chain in thirty for uneven Land and Swag of Chain, & seven hundred Acres allowed for Ponds & Rivers.

In the House of Represent^ves Read & *Ordered* that the Lands in this Plan delineated & described be & hereby is confirmed to the Petitioners & their Associates their Heirs & Assigns for ever, Provided it exceed not the Contents of six miles square, nor interfere with any other or former Grant of this Court. And for the more regular & effectual Settlement of the said Grant, That the Petitioners & their Associates be & hereby are obliged within the space of five years to have actually settled on the Land granted fifty families; each of which shall within that space build an House of the Bigness of eighteen feet square at the least, & stock with English Grass fit for mowing, or break up & fit for plowing five Acres of Land, Excepting only the Children & Heirs of those Men who were killed in the Fight with the Indian Enemy at Pigwacket (who are Minors) who shall have the Privilege of holding one Lot with proportionable Divisions for each Man who lost his Life as above, they only paying their Proportion of the Charge that has or may arise in settling the Premisses: And the Petitioners & their Associates within the space afore said settle a learned orthodox Minister, & build a convenient House for the publick Worship of God: And for the accomplishing of these Ends, That David Melvin be impowered to assemble the Petitioners & their Associates together at their first Meeting, who shall there also act as a Moderator; At which Meeting they shall be sworn well & truly to enter all their Votes & Orders, when they shall also agree upon the future Method & Place for warning & assembling their Meetings; & also at the same first Meeting shall chuse a Committee for surveying, & Ordering the Affairs of the Plantation, &

have Power to admit thirteen Men who will actually settle in their own Persons of those that were in Lovewells first March & not in the second; which Committee shall be annually chosen. The Petitioners & their Associates to have Power to raise Money on the Lands granted for defraying the Charges that have or may arise in carrying forward the above said Settlement, & to chuse a suitable Person to collect it, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his Trust, and make up his Accompts with the said Committee.

In Council; Read & Concur'd.

[Mass. Court Records, Sept. 23, 1729.]

On the Petition of David Melvin &c in behalf of Cpt. Lovewells Soldiers & the Order of the two Houses thereon as enter'd July 9, 1729.

In the House of Represent^{ves} Read & *Ordered* that this Petition & Vote above be revived with an Amendm^{t} viz, after the words (and not in the second) add (giving the Preference to those who were actually with Cpt. Lovewell in the Engagem^{t} where he killed the ten Indians)

In Council; Read & Concur'd;—

Consented to W^{m} Dummer

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 19, 1729.]

A Petition of Thomas Richardson & others, Shewing that whereas this Court were pleased to grant a Tract of Land for a Township at a Place called Suncook to David Melvil [Melvin] & others, & impowered the said Melvil to call a Meeting of the Grantees in order to their carrying on the Settlement of the said Place, & a Meeting was accordingly called & convened at Chelmsford on the tenth Instant, & a Clerk & Committee were then chosen, the Proceedings were very irregular & unwarrantable, many Persons voting who were no ways qualified, being only such as had purchased of the Grantees, by w^{ch} means the good Design of the Court in that Grant is like to be defeated; And therefore Praying that the Proceedings of the Meeting of the tenth Instant may be declared to be null & void.

In the House of Represent^ves Read & *Ordered* that Petition be refer'd to the next May Session for further Consideration, & that in the meantime the Petitioners serve the Moderator & Committee within mentioned with a Copy thereof, that they then shew cause why the Prayer thereof should not be granted, & that in the mean time no further Proceedings be had in Pursuance of the Votes of that Meeting.

In Council; Read & Council [Concurred];—

Consented to W^m Dummer

[Mass. House Journal, Oct. 22, 1730.]

A Petition of *Stephen Richardson* and Fifteen others, Inhabitants of this Province, praying for a Tract of Land agreeable to the following Mets and Bounds, *viz.* to extend the North and South Lines of the Township lately granted to Capt. *Lovewell's* Officers and Soldiers, on the West side of *Merrimack* River, two Miles, so that by the Enlargement of the Boundary of that Township, their Lines will be six Miles on the *Westerly* side of the River, and five Miles up and down the same, which may be big enough for the Settlement of a comfortable Township, for Reasons mentioned. Read and referred (with the other Petitions for Land) to the next Session for further Consideration.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 14, 1731–2.]

A Memorial and Address of *Jeremiah Pearley* and Twelve others, praying for a Grant of Land either adjoining to a Grant lately made to some Soldiers who were under the Command of Capt. *Lovel*, or in some other place the Court shall think fit, for their Service of the Country in the late *Indian* Wars, for Reasons mentioned

Read, and referred for Consideration to the next Session of this Court.

[Mass. House Journal, June 9, 1732.]

A Memorial of *Jeremiah Perley* and others Soldiers in the Service of this Province under the late Capt. *Lovewell* praying for a

Grant of Land at *Suncook* as entred the 14*th* of *January* last and referred; And also a Petition of *John Bennet* for himself and forty others Voluntiers in the Service of this Province late under the command of Capt. *Lovewell* and Capt. *White*, praying for a Grant of some of the unappropriated Lands of the Province, for the Reasons mentioned, both read and committed to the Committee for Lands.

[Mass. House Journal, April 13, 1733.]

A Memorial and Petition of *William Lovejoy*, and *Josiah Chandler*, in the name and behalf of the Proprietors and Grantees of the Plantation of *Suncook* on both sides *Merrimack-River*, shewing that notwithstanding they have obtained a fair and good Grant from this Court, as a reward for their Services under the late Capt. *Lovewell*, they are unreasonably trespassed upon and insulted by a number of People from *New-Hampshire*, who pretend to the right of Soil under colour of a Grant from that Government praying for such relief as to the wisdom of the Court shall seem meet. Read and committed to the Committee for Petitions.

[Mass. House Journal, April 14, 1733.]

The Memorial of *William Lovejoy*, and *Josiah Chandler*, in behalf of the Grantees and Proprietors of the Plantation of *Suncook*, praying as entred the 13*th*. currant.

Read again and in answer thereto *Voted*, That the Lands set forth and described in the Grant, be and hereby are declared to be within the County of *Middlesex*, and the Grantees or Proprietors are hereby fully authorized and impowred to bring their Action or Actions at Law in any Court proper to try the same within the said County of *Middlesex* in Trespass or Trespass and Ejectment, against any Person whomsoever that shall trespass upon them, or unlawfully hold them out of possession of the granted Premises, and to defend the same also as the case may require until final issue.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, June 20, 1733.]

Mr. *Welles* from the Committee appointed the *9th.* currant to consider of the Lists, and Petitions of the Voluntiers under the late Capt. *Lovewell*, made report on the Petitions of *Jeremiah Pearley* and *John Bennet* and also that of *Thomas Farmer* and eight others of said Voluntiers, which was read and accepted, and *Voted*, That one of the Petitioners be admitted in the room of *Edward Hartwell* who has been enter'd on the List of Capt. *Lovewell's* Voluntiers, but was not in the Service, and therefore not entitled to any part of the Reward, and that four more be admitted in the room of *Joseph Wright*, *Joseph Wheelock*, *Robert Phelps*, and *Jonathan Houghton*, jun. who have been admitted to a share in the Township at *Suncook*, and therefore ought not to have to have a right in this Grant. And whereas there are four more of the Petitioners not yet provided for, *Ordered*, That there be laid out twelve hundred and sixty acres of Land in a regular form, to be added to the Northwesterly part of said Township, and that these remaining four be added to the original number, making with them in the whole seventy two, all to be equal in their Right or Proportion of Lands in said Township: The Names of Voluntiers now to be admitted are *Thomas Farmer*, *Henry Colburn*, and the Seven other Petitioners on the other side.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 20, 1733.]

A Petition of Tho^{s} Farmer, Henry Colburn, Jonathan Farren, Samuel Shaddock Samuel Trull Jacob Corey, Joshua Webster, Abiel Forster, & Samuel Tarbal, Shewing that they served as Voluntiers in the late Indian War under Cp^{t} John Lovewell & Cp^{t} John White, & were omitted in the Grant made by this Court of a Township* to the Officers & Soldiers in those Companies & praying that they may be admitted into that Township, & that the Grant may be Enlarged accordingly—

In the House of Represent^{ves} Read & in Answer to this Petition, *Voted* that one of the Petition^{rs} be admitted in the room of Edward Hartwell who has been Enter'd in the List of Cp^{t} Love-

* Petersham, Mass., originally Voluntierstown.

well's Company, but was not in y^e^ Service & therefore not entitled to any part of the reward & that four more be admitted in the room of Josept Wright Joseph Wheelock, Robert Phelps, & Jonathan Houghton Jun^r^ who have been admitted to a Share in the Township of Suncook, & therefore ought not to have a right in said Grant, & whereas there are four more of the Petitio^rs^ not yet provided for, Ordered that there be laid out twelve Hundred Acres of Land in a regular Form to be added to y^e^ Northwesterly part of s^d^ Township, & that these remaining four be added to y^e^ Original Number, making with them in the whole Seventy two, All to be equal In their right or proportion of Lands in said Township the Names of the Voluntiers now to be Admitted are Thom^s^ Farmer & the Eight other Petition^rs^ on y^e^ other Side—

In Council, Read & Concur'd—

Consented to J Belcher.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 18, 1734.]

A Petition of Thomas Cuningham and Eight other Inhabitants of the Plant^a^ Called Suncook, Complaining of the Great Neglect of most of the Proprietors to Comply with the Terms and Conditions enjoyned by the General Court for Settling the same; by which means the Pet^rs^ who have Actually Settled themselves and their familys Upon the place are put to Great difficultys more Especially in their not Enjoying the preaching of the Gospel among them praying that this Court would Grant them Relief in the premises—

In the House of Represent^a^ Read & *ordered* that the Pet^rs^ serve William Lovejoy and the Rest of the Com^tee^ of the Proprietors of the Plant^a^ of Suncook with a Copy of this petition; And that the said Committee be and hereby are Required and directed to Assemble and Convene the said Proprietors as soon as may be, and that they take into consideration the Subject Matter of the petition and Shew Cause, if any they have, to this Court on the first Tuesday of the next May Session, why the prayer thereof should not be Granted, and that the petition be Referr'd in the mean time Accordingly—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 5, 1735–6.]

A Petition of *Zecheus Lovewell*, and five others, Soldiers in the Service of this Province, and Voluntiers under the late Capt. *John Lovewell*, deceas'd, setting forth that they have not hitherto received anything of the bounty of this Court, which has been bestowed on the rest of their fellow Soldiers under the said Capt. *Lovewell*, praying they may now obtain a Grant of some of the Province Lands, for the reasons mentioned.

Read and committed to the Committee for Lands.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 12, 1735–6.]

On the Petition of *Zecheus Lovewell*, and others, as entred the 5*th* currant, which was read and accepted, and *Voted*, That twenty one hundred and ninety acres of the unappropriated Lands of the Province adjoining to the Township of *Suncook*, be and hereby is given and granted to the six Petitioners within mentioned, their heirs and assigns respectively, and that they be allowed and impowred by a Surveyor and Chain men on Oath to return a Plat thereof in a regular form to this Court within twelve months for confirmation accordingly, provided they settle six families thereon within four years from the confirmation of the Grant, each family to have a dwelling House of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at least and well finished, and each family or settler to clear fence and bring to english Grass or tillage six acres, and on failure thereof such Right or Interest of such defective Grantee to revert to the Province; and said Land to be annexed to said Township at *Suncook*, to do duty and receive privilege accordingly. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, March 25, 1736.]

A Petition of Zacheus Lovewell, Thomas Colburn, Peter Powers, Josiah Cummins Henry Farewell jun^{r} and Nicholas Crosby, Shewing that they Served as Voluntiers Against the Indian Enemy under Cap^{t} Lovewell either in his first or second March that all the Rest of Cap^{t} Lovewell's Soldiers have had Land

Granted them by this Court but the pet^rs have as yet had none And therefore Praying for a Grant of Province Land—

In the House of Represent^a Read & Voted That Twenty one hundred and Thirty Acres of the Unappropriated Lands of the province Adjoyning to the Township of Suncook be and hereby is Granted to the Six petitioners within mentioned, their heirs and Assignes Respectivly, and that they be Allowed and Impowred by a Survey^r and Chain men on Oath to Return a plat thereof in a Regular form to this Court within twelve months for Confirmation Accordingly; Provided they Settle Six familys thereon within four years from the Confirmation of the Grant; each Family to have a Dwelling house of Eighteen feet Square and Seven feet Stud at the least, and well finished, & each family or Settler to Clear fence and bring to English Grass or Tillage Six Acres; And on failure thereof such Right or Interest of such Defective Grantees to Revert to the Province; The Pet^rs to give Bond to the Province Treasurer and his Successors in the said office in the sum of Forty pounds each to fulfill the Conditions of this Grant and said Land to be Annexed to the Township of Suncook for the present and to do duty & Receive priviledge Accordingly.—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J. Belcher

[*Vote of Proprietors of Pembroke to Petition for Equivalent Grant, 1747.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 115, p. 219.]

Andov^r April 8, 1747.

At a Meeting this Day of Some of y^e Proprietors of the Plantation of Suncook, Voted,

That we the Proprietors of s^d Township present, in our own Names, and in y^e Name of Several other Proprietors, will, as soon as may be, Petition the great & general Court of the Massachusetts bay, (by the Authority of which y^e s^d Tract was Granted to Capt: Lovewell and Company) *viz* for their Speedy advice what course to take under our very Difficult Circumstances, *Namely* 1. The Whole of s^d Tract or Grant of Land falling within y^e Province of New Hampshire. And moreover, 2. It, Or y^e most of it, being Claimed by a Number of New Hampshire men by vertue

of a Prior Grant made to y^m^ by the General Court of S^d^ province, which Proprietors having tryed Title have already Recovered Judgment against one of our Brethren. And 3. Because we are under very great Difficulties with respect to y^e^ payment of the Ministers Salary, who (according to y^e^ Order of the General Court) has been Setled there for y^e^ Space of nine years, and has Recovered Judgment ag^t^ us at y^e^ Quarter Sessions in Charlestown on Dec^r^ Last, for his Said Salary.

William Lovejoy Mod^r^	Samuel Phillips	John Barnard
Nicoles Holt	Josiah Chandler	Hanery Lovejoy
Peter Ayer	Jonathan Abboott	Joseph Mulichen
Jeremiah Swain	James Kittredg	John Pollard
Oliver Holt	Benj^a^ Gale	Abisha Brown
Joshua Andrew	oliver Barrron	Braveter Gray

[*Petition of Proprietors of Pembroke for Equivalent Grant, 1773.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 118, p. 824.]

Province of the } To His Excellency the Governor, To the
Massachusetts-Bay } Honourable His Majesty's Council & House of Representatives in general Court Assembled

The Petition of the Subscribers hereto, Humbly Shews—

That in the Time of the War with the Indians called the three-year War, Cap^t^ John Lovewell and a number of Men under his Command, Voluntarily Engaged in the Service of Their King and Country, and bravely Exerted Themselves therein, by Pursuing the Indians in the Wilderness, where They repeatedly met with & Destroy'd some of Them; And finally, viz on the 8^th^ Day of May A D 1725, He, with thirty four Men, met with a Large Body of Them at Pigwacket, and had a Long & very warm Engagement with Them, in which He, and a Considerable part of His Men lost Their Lives. But the Indians were so Severely handled in this Engagement, It Struck Them with so much Terror, That the Government looked upon Lovewell & His Men so Eminently Serviceable by This & Their former Bravery, as That They were worthy of some particular Regard from the Publick—In Consideration whereof, The Government granted a Township

of Wilderness Land at Suncook, To the Heirs of the said Cap[t] John Lovewell, To the Heirs of those of His Men that fell with Him in the Engagement, To those of Them who Liv'd thro' it, and to a number of such other Men as the Government then thought were the most Proper to be admitted with Those who had been in said Engagement, and to make a Suitable Society for the Settlement of a New Township—

That in Consequence of said Grant, and in Compliance with the Conditions thereof, The Grantees Settled said Township, some by Their own Persons, and others by Their Assigns; And as no Body at that Time, had any Suspicion of Danger in the Title of the Land, the People who Settled thereon, carried all the Interest They had in the World with Them, and Laid it out on Their Respective Rights, and therewith bestow'd a great deal of Labour with Their own hands to bring Their Lands to be Profitable to Them, Trusting that They, and Their Posterity Should Enjoy the Fruit of Their Labour without Interruption—But by the running the Line for a Divisional Line between this Province and the Province of New Hampshire, said Township was taken into the Latter—Soon after This, there came a number of Men and laid Claime to the same Land, Alledging it was a Township granted by the Province of New Hampshire to Them, by the Name of *Bow*, And from thence forward Sues for the Land, and so worried the Massachusetts Grantees and Their Assigns from Time to Time in Law, That They found Themselves obliged, either to leave Their Possessions or buy Them—And being in Such an unhappy Situation, They knew not well what to do. Some bought the Lands They had Subdu'd & lived upon, but others, who would not buy, were Intirely Ousted of Theirs, so that upon the whole, the Massachusetts Grant has been obliged (by the Laws in Hampshire) to give way to the Hampshire Grant, and the Township is (by that means) wholly Lost to Those of the original Grantees who never Sold Their Rights, and in a great Measure to Those who Settled therein by Purchase. Some of the Latter having had some Considerations from those of the original Grantees of whom They Purchas'd Their Lands, They did not wholly Loose Their's but as the Considerations They Rec[d] were much Short of the Damages They Sustain'd They were greater Loosers than Those were that They Purchas'd of—But in Fact both are Loosers, so there is become more than one Sufferer on one & the same of many of the Rights in said lost Township—wherefore your Petitioners, who are Some of the immediate Sufferers by said

Loss, take leave to Pray, That in Lieu of said Township, your Excellency & Honours would be Pleas'd to grant a Tract of Wilderness Land belonging to the Province Sufficient for a Township, to such of the original Grantees of said Lost Township as are Living, To the Heirs of such of Them as are Dead, and to Those who Settled therein by Purchase, So that the same may be Shar'd among all the Loosers, in Proportion to the Damages They have Respectively Sustain'd; with Liberty to Lay it out to the Eastward of Saco River, adjoining to the Northwardly part of the Township, granted to Benjamin Mullikin Esq^{r} and others. And as in Duty bound Prays—

Noah Johnson	John Chamberlin	John Lovewell
Thomas Harwood	James Whitney	Richard Eastman
Francis Doyne	John Knox	Joseph Brown
Joseph Baker	David Abbot	Samuel Abbot
John Whittemore	Andrew Bunten	Moses Tyler
Benjamin Hall	David Lovejoy	Robert White
Patrik Gault	James Cuningham	Caleb Lovejoy
Andrew Galt	Ephriam foster	Sam^{ll} mcConnell
Ephriam Blunt	John Man	Robert Moore
Moses Foster	Nathanael Holt	David Chandler
Benjamin Holt	Benj^{a} Stevens Jun^{r}	William Ayer
Abiel Austin	Zebadiah Austin	

Thomas Barnard
Edward Barnard } Heirs of Rev^{d} M^{r} Barnard late of Andover
John Tucker

Stephen Holt of Lawful Age Testifieth & Saith That he was one of the first Settlers in a Township Granted to Capt^{n} John Lovewell & others known by the Name of Suncook—That the Grantees with great Labour & Expence brought forward their Settlements Soon after the grant of s^{d} Township was made Notwithstanding the opposition made by the Proprietors of Bow who Claimed a Tract of Land by Virtue of a grant made by the Goverment of New Hampshire of the Contents of Twelve miles Square which Included Suncook & was made near the Time of the Massachusetts grant—That they were Encouraged by the People of the Massachusetts Government to Perfect their Settlements Notwithstanding the opposition made by Bow & Accordingly Persevered in their undertakeing & Endeavoured to Defend their Rights in

the Common Law of New Hampshire when many of them were held to Answer there by Process or be Defaulted—

That many Actions were Continued from Term to Term 'till the Defendants were Almost Ruin'd—That the Proprietors of Pennicook being under like Circumstances (Saving only that Pennicook was purchas'd with money & Suncook was the Price of Blood) Apply'd to the great & General Court of the Massachusetts Province for Relief & obtained a grant of one hundred pounds Sterling to Defend their Cause in England and the Suncook Proprietors Embark'd in the Same Cause According to their Ability Contributed to the Pennicook Agent for his Aid to them in the Common Cause. But So it is though the Actions at home were Determin'd in Some Sort in favour of the Massachusetts Grantees yet the point of Property most Essencial to be Determin'd was Carefully Avoided; and after this New Actions were Commenced So that the Proprietors of Suncook as well as those of Pennicook have been Continually Harrassed & Worried in the Law from their Infant State 'till within these two or three years last past they have Almost all of them Purchased their Improvements & them only at an Extravagant Lay, and all the unimproved Lands Revert to the Proprietors of Bow The Deponant further Saith that he was an Inhabitant of Suncook for the Term of Ten Years & Since his Removal he has been Conversant with the Proprietors, been Concern'd in Defending Sundry Rights & that he has no Knowledge of any one of the Inhabitants haveing Received any Consideration from the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, nor from New Hampshire, on Account of their Loss in Suncook; but on the Contrary is well Assured that there is not one Individual of s^{d} Prop^{rs} of Suncook but what has Sustain'd more Loss than Double the Value of his Right when Granted, and that many Others have been Entirely Ruined And were Obliged to part with their Farms Valued at more than £100 Sterling to Defrey the Charges of their Vexatious Lawsuits

Andover May 31: 1773— Stephen Holt

Essex ss Andover May 31. 1773

Then M^{r} Stephen Holt appear^{d} personally & made Oath to the fore written Deposition by him Subscrib'd

Before me Samuel Phillips Just^{e} Pacis

I the Deponant aged Sixty four Years, Testify & Say, That I was the Lawful owner of the Substance of three Rights in the

Township at Suncook which was granted to Cap^{t} John Lovewell & others—That I Settled upon a Tract of my Said Land, and have lived in said Township about thirty nine years, and have been knowing to, and have been a large Sufferer in the Loss of said Township, which has been recovered & taken from the Inhabitants who Settled therein under the Government of the Massachusetts-Bay, by a number of Persons, who Claim'd the greatest Part of it by virtue of a grant (as They said) from the Government of New-Hampshire for a Township by the name of Bow—By the Proprietors of the Mason Patent, and by the Proprietors of the Township of Chester. That I know of no Compensation being ever made to the Sufferers for that Loss, by the Government of Massachusetts-Bay or New-Hampshire, Except Ross Wyman, who (as I have heard) has had a Grant of some land from the Government of the Massachusetts-Bay in lieu of his Loss—Also That the Bow Proprietors gave (as I have been told) the Late Rev^{d} M^{r} Whittemore fifty acres of Land He was Settled upon, and to one Francis Doyne twenty acres He was Settled on in s^{d} lost Township—And as for my Self, besides the loss of my Lands, I have been put to greater Expence than I can readily tell having been Ejected out of two Tracts of Land, by two Actions which were continued in the Law for about fifteen years—

Benjamin Holt

York ss Fryeburg Octo^{r} 23^{d} A D 1773 the above named Benj^{a} Holt, Personally Appear'd and made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the foregoing Deposition by Him Subscribed

Before me J Frye Jus^{t} Peace

PETERBOROUGH.

[Formerly known as *Souhegan*. Granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1737–8, to Samuel Heywood and others. Incorporated as Peterborough, Jan. 17, 1760, and named probably in honor of the Earl of Peterborough. The charter was renewed, Jan. 8, 1762. A small portion of the southeast corner was annexed to Temple, Jan. 29, 1789. A part of this town was included in the limits of Greenfield, incorporated June 15, 1791. An act was passed July 5, 1867, by which Sharon was to be annexed to Peterborough, whenever a majority of voters in both towns should adopt the provisions of the act, but this has never been done.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 665; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 174; Index to Laws, 427; Ecclesiastical History, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, p. 55; Topographical and Historical Account, by Elijah Dunbar, *id.* p.

129; Centennial Address, by John H. Morrison, 1839, pp. 99; History, by Albert Smith, 1876, pp. 375; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 650; Proceedings at Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, 1889, pub. 1890, pp. 131; numerous historical articles and documents in the files of the *Peterborough Transcript*.]

[Mass. House Journal, May 27, 1726.]

A Petition of *Samuel Heywood*, *Christopher Page*, and sundry others, praying for a Grant of a Tract of Land on both sides *Sowhegen-River*, as entred the 14th of *December* past, and referred to this Session. Read and referred to the next Session of this Court for further Consideration.

[Mass. House Journal, June 23, 1732.]

A Petition of *Ephraim Hildreth* for himself and Associates, praying that their former Petition for a Grant of Land for a Township at *Souhegan* may be revived for the reasons mentioned.

Read and *Ordered*, That the Petition lye on the Table.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 8, 1732.]

A Petition of *Samuel Haywood* and *Thomas Cutler* for themselves and sundry others, praying for a Grant of a Township at a place called *Souhegan* agreeable to their former Petitions. Read and referred to the next *May* Session for further Consideration.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 3, 1735.]

On the Memorial of *William Rand* and others, *Canada* Soldiers *Anno* 1690, as entred the 25th ult., which was read and accepted, and *Voted*, That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and that . . . . . together with such as shall be joined by the honourable Board, be a Committee at the charge of the Government to lay out a Township of the contents of six miles square West of the *Narragansett* Town called number *Three*, *viz.* leaving one

Town of six miles square and adjoining thereto, and that they return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation; and for the more effectual bringing forward the Settlement of the said Town, *Ordered*, That the said Town be laid out into sixty-three equal shares, one of which to be for the first settled Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for the School, and that on each of the other sixty shares the Petitioners do within three years from the confirmation of the Plan have settled one good family, who shall have an House built on his home lot of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least and finished, that each Right or Grant have six acres of Land bro't to and plowed or brought to english Grass and fitted for mowing, that they settle a learned orthodox Minister, and build and finish a convenient Meeting House for the publick Worship of GOD, and that each Settler give bond of *Twenty Pounds* to the Province Treasurer for fulfilling the Conditions of the Grant; provided that in Case any of the Lots or Rights be not duly settled in all regards as aforesaid, then such Lot or Right to revert to and be at the disposition of the Province. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 6, 1737.]

A Petition of *Samuel Haywood*, *Joseph Wheeler*, *Joseph Barrett*, and sundry others, shewing that they have ever since the Year 1721, been solliciting the Favours of this Court for a Grant of Lands for a Township, and have met with Encouragement at sundry Times, and particularly were in great Hopes of obtaining a Grant of a Township in the Line of Towns, but that Township they had in View, was finally assigned to the Petitioners from *Hopkinston*, so that they have hitherto failed in their Sollicitations, which for so long a Time have been attended with considerable Expence, praying they may be now favoured with a Grant of some of the unappropriated Lands for a Township to them and their Assigns, under such Conditions and Regulations as to the Court shall seem meet. Read and *Ordered*, That this Petition be considered this afternoon.

Post Meridiem.

The House according to order entred into the Consideration of the Petition of *Samuel Heywood*, and others, praying for a Grant of unappropriated Lands of the Province for a Township, as

entred in the Morning, and after a full debate thereon, *Voted*, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted, and *John Chandler*, *Josiah Willard*, and *Nahum Ward*, Esqrs; are a Committee to consider of some suitable Place of the Contents of six Miles square of the unappropriated Lands of the Province for the Petitioners and their Associates to bring forward the Settlement of said Township upon, of the Contents of six Miles square, under such Conditions and Regulations as may be proper, the Committee to report hereon as soon as may be.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 8, 1737.]

Col. *Chandler* from the Committee appointed the sixth Currant on the Petition of *Samuel Haywood* and others, made report thereon, which was read and accepted, and *Voted*, That the Petitioners and their Associates be and hereby are impowred by a Surveyor and Chain-men on Oath to survey and lay out a Township of the Contents of six Miles square eastwardly of the great *Menadnuck* Hills, and betwixt the Line of Towns an *Ipswich* Canada Town, where a Town may be best accommodated, so as not to interfere with the Town granted to Capt. *Nelson* and other *Canada* Soldiers, and that they return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation: And for the more effectual bringing forward the Settlement of the said new Town: *Ordered*; That there be sixty three Lots laid out in a suitable and defensible manner, one of which to be for the first settled Minister, one for the second settled Minister, and one for the School, each of said three Lots to draw equal Divisions with the other Grantees of the said sixty Lots; that the Grantees do within three Years from the Confirmation of the Plan, have settled on each Home-Lot a good Family, and in order thereto that they build thereon a dwelling House of eighteen Feet square and seven Feet stud at least, and finish the same, and have well fenced and brought to english Grass and ploughed six Acres on each of the Home Lots, that they settle an orthodox Minister and build a convenient Meeting House for the publick Worship of GOD; and that Col. *Josiah Willard* and Capt. *John Hobson*, with such as shall be appointed by the honourable Board, be a Committee for admitting the Grantees or Settlers, and that they take effectual Care that no Persons are admitted as such, who have had any Grant for the space of three

Years, and that each Grantee give Bond to the Province Treasurer or his Successor in the Sum of *forty Pounds* for his faithful fulfilling or complying with the Terms or Conditions of the Grant, and if any of the said Settlers fail of performing the said Conditions, then his or their Right or Share to revert to, and be at the disposition of the Province.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 15, 1737–8.]

A Motion was made and seconded by divers Members, that an Alteration might be made in the Vote of the eighth of December last, for granting a Township to *Samuel Haywood* and others, as to the Situation of the Grant, *viz.* dele the Words from—*Eastwardly of the great* Menadnuck—to the Words—Canada *Soldiers* —and instead thereof to insert these Words,—*in some of the unappropriated Lands of the Province, suitable for a Township*,— and thereupon *Ordered*, That Col. *Chandler* go up with a Message to the honourable Board, to propose the said Alteration may be made, which he did, and informed the House, that the honourable Board agreed therein.

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 16, 1737–8.]

A Petition of Samuel Haywood and about fifty others Shewing that they often petitioned this Court for a Tract of Land to settle themselves and their Children upon, and altho' they have divers times received encouragement yet they have not hitherto obtained the favour of a Grant; Praying for a Tract of Land of six miles square to settle themselves and associates on.

In the House of Represent^{ves} Read and *Ordered* that the Prayer of the Petition be granted and that the Petitioners and their Associates be and hereby are impowered by a Survey^{r} and chain men on oath, to survey and lay out a Township of the contents of Six miles square in some of the unappropriated Lands of the Province suitable for a Township, and that they return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for Confirmation; And for the more effectual bringing forward the Settlement of said new Town—

Ordered; that there be sixty three Home Lots laid out in a suitable and defensible manner, one of which to be for the first settled Minister, one for the second settled Minister, and one for the School; and each of said three Lots to draw equal divisions with the other Grantees of the said Sixty Lots, that the Grantees do within three years from the Confirmation of the Plan have settled on each Home Lot a good family, and in order thereto that they build thereon a Dwelling House of Eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least, and finish the same and have well fenced and brought to English Grass or plowed six Acres on each of the Home Lots, that they settle an orthodox minister and build a decent convenient Meeting House for the Publick Worship of God; and that Coll: Josiah Willard and Cpt. John Hobson with such as shall be appointed by the Hon^{ble} Board be a Committee for admitting the Grantees or Settlers; And that they take effectual care that no persons are admitted of such who have had any grant for the space of three years; And that each Grantee give Bond to the Province Treasurer in the sum of Forty Pounds for his faithful fulfilling or complying with the terms or Conditions of the Grant; And if any of the said Settlers fail of performing the said conditions, then his or their Right or Share to revert to or be at the disposition of the Province.

In Council; Read and Concur'd; and William Dudley Esq^{r} is joined in the affair

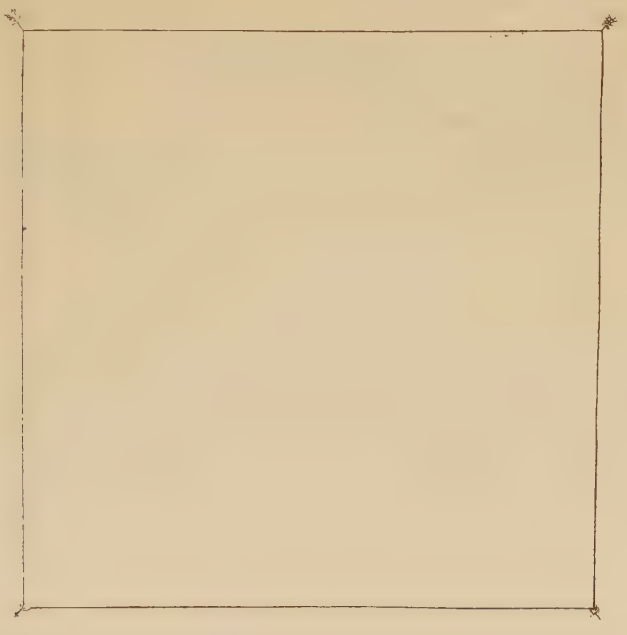
Consented to J. Belcher.

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 12, p. 4.]

May y^{e} 21st 1738. Then Finished the Surveying and Laying out of a Township of y^{e} Contents of Six miles Square. To Satisfie a Grant of y^{e} Great and General Court of y^{e} Province of y^{e} Massachusets Bay made y^{e} 16th Day of January 1737 on the Petition of Samuel Haywood and others and their Assotiates; Lying on the Easterly Sid of a Great Hill Called Manadnock Hill between Said Hill and a Township Laidout to y^{e} Inhabitants of Salam and others who Servid in y^{e} Expedition to Canada anno 1690 and Lyeth on the Southerly branch of Contokock River near the hed there of said Branch Runing throughit. It began att a Black Burch tree y^{e} South East Corner and from thence it Ran West Six Miles and Sixty Eight Rods by a line of marked trees to a Spruse tree marked for y^{e} South west Corner, from thence it Ran

north by a line of markd trees six Miles and Sixty Rods to a Stake and Piller of Stons y^e^ northwest Corner and from thence it Ran East by a line of Markd trees Six Miles and Sixty Eight Rods to a Stake and heep of Stons the Northeast Corner and from thence Straight to where it began Six Miles and Sixty Rods. the Lines above said Contains y^e^ Contents of six miles Square with y^e^ alowance of one Chane in thirty for Sagg of Chane and fifty acres for apond

℔ Joseph Wilder Jun Surveyr



Suffolk ss Boston 8^th^ June 1738

Joseph Wilder Ju^r^ Surveyour Joseph Richardson & Zacheus Lovewell Chain men all personally appearing before the Subscriber one of His Majestys Justices of the peace & Severally made Solemn oath that in Surveying and meassureing the township above represented by this platt they respectively acted faithfully and impartially according to their best Skill & understanding

W^m^ Dudley Just of Peace

[Reverse.]

In the House of Represent^ves June 14^th 1738
Read and Ordered That the plat be Accepted and the Lands therein delineated & described be and hereby are confirmed to the Grantees the petitioners mentioned in the petition of Samuel Haywood and others, and their associates agreable to the Grant of this Court of the said township made them at the setting begun & held the thirtieth of November last past; and to their heirs and assigns respectively for Ever: they effectually complying with & fullfilling the Conditions of the Grant, provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of six Miles Square of Land and does not interfere with any former Grant. Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^kr
Ex per E Burrill
In Council June 16^th 1738
read & Concurr'd J Willard Sec'ry
Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, June 14, 1738.]

A Plat of the Contents of six Miles square of Land, surveyed and laid out by *Joseph Wilder*, jun. Surveyor and two Chain Men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court of the sixteenth of *January* last, in answer to a Petition of *Samuel Haywood* and others, lying on the Easterly side of a Great Hill called *Menadnock Hill*, between said Hill and *Salem Canada* new Township, and lieth on the Southerly Branch of *Contoocook River* near the Head thereof the Branch runneth through it; it begins at a black Birch Tree the South East Corner, thence West six miles sixty eight Rods by a Line of mark'd Trees to a Spruce Tree mark'd for the South West Corner, thence North by a Line of mark'd Trees six Miles sixty Rods to a Stake and Pillar of Stones the North West Corner, thence East by a Line of mark'd Trees six Miles, sixty eight Rods to a Stake and heap of Stones the North East Corner, thence to the first mentioned Bounds; an allowance being made of one Chain in thirty for swagg of Chain, and fifty Acres for a Pond; was presented for Allowance Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described, be and hereby are confirmed to the Grantees

the Petitioners mentioned in the Petition of *Samuel Haywood* and others and their associates, agreable to the Grant of this Court of the said Township made them at the sitting began and held the thirtieth of *November* last past; and to their Heirs and Assigns respectively for ever, they effectually complying with and fulfilling the Conditions of the Grant, provided the Plat exceeds not the Quantity of six Miles square of Land, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrance.

[Mass. Court Records, June 16, 1738.]

A Plat of a Township of the Contents of Six Miles square granted to Samuel Haywood and others laid out by Joseph Wilder Esq^{r} Survey^{r} and Chain men on oath, lying on the Easterly side of Menadnuck Hill, between that and the Township laid out to Salem Inhabitants and others that served in the Canada Expedition in the year 1690, and lying on the Southerly Branch of Contocook River, which Branch runs thrô the Tract; Beginning at a Black Birch Tree, being the South East Corner; thence running West Six miles and sixty eight rods by a line of mark'd Trees to a Spruce Tree mark'd; thence North by a line of mark'd Trees six miles and sixty rods to a Stake and Pillar of Stones; Thence East by a line of mark'd Trees six miles and sixty eight rods to a Stake and heaps of stones; thence to the Bounds first mentioned six miles and sixty Rods.

[Mass. Court Records, June 20, 1738.]

In the House of Represent^{ves} *Ordered* that M^{r} Jonathan Prescot, on of the Grantees of the new Township granted to Samuel Haywood and others, be and hereby is fully authorized and impowered to notify and warn the said Proprietors or Grantees to assemble and convene as soon as may be in some convenient place to chuse a Proprietors Clerk and pass such Votes and Orders for the effectual bringing forward the Settlement of said Township agreable to the conditions of the Grant, and also to chuse such other officers as they may think proper, and to agree upon a

method for calling future Meetings, agreeable to the rules of the Law.

In Council; Read and Concur'd
Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, June 28, 1738.]

Ordered, That Mr. *Jonathan Prescot* one of the Grantees of the new Township granted to *Samuel Heywood* and others, be and hereby is fully authorized and impowred to notify and warn the said Proprietors or Grantees to assemble and convene as soon as may be in some convenient Place, to chuse a Proprietors Clerk, and pass such Votes and Orders for the effectual bringing forward the Settlement of said Township, agreable to the Conditions of the Grant, and also to chuse such other Officers as they may think proper to agree upon a Method for calling future Meetings, agreable to the Rules of the Law.

Sent up for Concurrance.

PORTSMOUTH.

[This territory was granted for a township by the Council of Plymouth in 1631, and was called *Piscataqua* and *Strawberry Bank*. Submitted to Massachusetts government in 1641. Incorporated by Massachusetts as Portsmouth, May 28, 1653. New Castle was set off and incorporated, May 30, 1693. Greenland was set off partially in 1704, and completely in 1721. A city charter was adopted in 1849.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes: IX, Bouton Town Papers, 688; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 236; Index to Laws, 440; Farmer's Belknap's History of New Hampshire, chapters 1 and 2, *et seq.*; Annals of Portsmouth, Comprising a Period of Two Hundred Years from the Settlement of the Town, by Nathaniel Adams, 1825; republished, with annotations by George E. Hodgdon, in files of *Portsmouth Journal*; Rambles about Portsmouth, Sketches of Persons, Localities, and Incidents of Two Centuries, Principally from Traditions and Unpublished Documents, by Charles W. Brewster, first series, 1859; second edition, 1873; second series, by same author, 1869; Portsmouth Records, 1645–1656, A Transcript of the First Thirty Five Pages of the Earliest Town Book, with Notes, by Frank W. Hackett, privately printed, 1886; Centennial History of the United States Navy Yard at Portsmouth, by Walter E. H. Fentress, 1876, pp. 84; History of the U. S. Navy Yard, Portsmouth, by George Henry Preble, 1892; p. 219; Life of John Mason, by Chas. W. Tuttle and J. W. Dean, 1887; historical sketch, by James De Normandie, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 41;

The Isles of Shoals, An Historical Sketch, by John Scribner Jenness, 1873, second edition, 1875; New Castle, Historic and Picturesque, by John Albee, 1885; Methodism in Portsmouth, by Thomas L. Tullock, Granite Monthly, Vol. 7, pp. 209, 229, 314, 347; petition of Dover and Portsmouth for grant of land, 1667, published with Dover papers, this volume; special papers, relating to early grants, settlement, and boundaries in appendix to this volume; consult authorities cited in this and previous volumes, under titles, Dover, Exeter, Hampton, Gosport, and New Castle, and especially documents printed in Vols. 1 and 2, this series; also Vol. 17, pp. 475–603, and Vol. 22, containing a calendar of documents relating to New Hampshire in the English archives; numerous historical articles, and a series of "Historical Notes," by C. H. Cutts Howard, have been printed in the *Portsmouth Journal*.]

[*Transfers of Property in Piscataqua Adventure, 1640.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 3, p. 440.]

Received by me Obadiah Bruen of Thomas Larkham for my share in the plantation of Pascataquake Imp^{s} in money & bevar three pound in Corne five bushells twenty shillings sixe yards of woollen cloth forty shillings and a heifer Cow fower pound in all the sume of tenn pounds wittnes my hand this 21 of June 1642.

Obadiah Bruen

This is A true Copie Compared wth the orignall that was on file & left in its steed as Attests

Edw Rawson Secrety
Nich : Scammon

The Accompt of goods in the Custody of m^{r} Larkham w^{ch} doe belong unto the whole Adventure^{r}s.

Imp^{s} one great Iron Pott.
Itt one fouling peece the barrell five foote
Itt 3 p^{r} of musket moulds. one p^{r} sheep sheres.
It 2 brasse tobacco pipes one Great knife: 2 ℔ sissors 5 dozen Awle blades 1 dozen Cod hookes 4^{ls}½ lead one sickle one brasing bill—
It one tem^{r} sawe & two moose Coates
It a key of the barn: dore I acknowledge it

Vera Copia Thom. larkham

The key nicolas hiltonn got of m^{r} Larkam & is in his Custody

This is a true Copie Compared wth the originall y^{t} was on file & in its steed as Attests

Edward Rawson Secrety
Nich : Scammon

know all men by these presents that wee whose names are subscribed partners in the plantation of Pascataquake in New England are acquainted w^th^ a writing drawne by Richard Percyvall of shrewsbery draper wherein he doeth upon Just & valluable Consideration devolve all that adventure which he the said Richard Percivall hath in the aforesaid Plantation according to the writing expressed Unto Obadiah Bruen of the same Toune of shrewsbury draper & to his execcutors administrators and Assignes and to his & their propper use & behooffe forever w^thout giving any account unto the said Richard Percivall or to any other in his behalfe wee doe also approove of this act passed by bill of sale betwixt the said Richard Percivall and Obadiah Bruen and doe willingly accept of the said Obadiah Bruen as partner with us in the roome of the said Richard Percivall according to the proportion expressed in the said bill of sale under the hand & Seale of the said Richard Percivall In Witness hereof we have put to our hands this 4^th^ day of may Ann^o^ Dom 1640.

11 June 1666. That this is A true Copie Compared w^th^ y^e^ originall then on file & left in its steed as Attests

Edw. Rawson secrety
Nich : Scammon

Richard Hunt
Tho : Wingfeild
Tho : Knight
Thomas Hunt
william Rouley

[*Deed from Thomas Larkham to William Waldron, 1642.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 3, p. 441.]

To all xpian people to whome this p^r^nt writting shall come I Thomas Larkeham Pastor of the church of Northam in Piscataquake in New England send Greeting Whereas I the said Thomas Larkham w^th^ divers others have an adventure or stocke in the Patents & plantation at Pascataquak graunted sold Assigned & sett over by one Obadiah Brewen of Cape Anne Alias Glocester in New England aforesaid to the propper use of me my executors & administrators & Assignes which was granted sold assigned & sett over unto the said Obadiah Bruen by Richard Percivall now or heretofore of shrewsbury in old england as by a writting of sale draune by Richard Percivall above named bearing date the 22^th^ day of october 1635 Annoq. Regni Caroli undecimo more at large

it may & doeth Appeare approved by Richard Hunt Thomas Wingfeild Thomas Knight & other adventurers & partners in the above mentioned Patents & plantation as by a writting bearing date the 4th of may Anno Dom 1640. appeareth. Now know yee that I the said Thomas Larkham for & uppon a certaine valluable some of money by me received of William Walderne & for divers other good causes & Considerations me hereunto mooving Have Granted Bargained sould Assigned & sett over and by these presents doe fully grant bargaine Assigne & sett over Unto the afore named William Walderne to his owne propper use & to the use of his execcutors adminstrators & Assignes all my said Adventure or stock by me bought as afore said & all the procedue & increase by me also bought as aforesaid and all sithence Coming of the said Adventure & stock to have hold receave perceave take & enjoy the premisses to me granted & every parte to the said William Walderne his execcutors adminstrators & Assignes together wth all such writtings as concerne the same. In Witnes thereof I have put to my hand & seale the 13th Day of September anno Dom 1642

Thom: Larkham. & (a Seale)

sealed & delivered in presence of
William Ballew
Phillip sig. × cheslin

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Edw: Rawson Secrety
Nich. Scammon

[*Gov. Winthrop's Authority to Thomas Wiggin to Suppress Sedition, 1651.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 3, p. 443.]

Sr We are given to understand That there is an intent of divers of the Inhabitants of Strawberie Banck seditiously to wthdraw their subjection from this Govrmt to sett up a new Goverm[t] their over them wthout & contrarie to or consent, & contrarie to their ingagemts & oathes. And to that end, they have (as we are informed) called a Towne meetinge to Joyne together in their way to appoint such a Govr: we have therefore sent unto you (knowing yore fidelitie & care) to seech out the truth of theise actings & to finde

out the ꝑticular ꝑsons that are interested in this designe & the ꝑtie whom they nominated to be their Governo^{r}. That accordinglie we may put forth that power w^{ch} God hath given us to prosecute legallie against them. And to that end we desire yo^{u} to tak such helpe unto yo^{u} both of such as are in comission wth yo^{u} & such officers &c. as are neere yo^{u} to assist yo^{u} in what yo^{u} shall require them, according to Law & Justice, And that the names of such as are interested in this sedition espetiallie the chiefe acto^{rs} therein may be sent unto us together wth the best testimonie yo^{u} can procure: And if yo^{u} shall upon search & good testimonie observe any to be resolute in their way & high in their expressions That yo^{u} forthwth send one or more of the chiefest we meane that are principall acto^{rs} therein to the prison at Boston who shall answere their rebellion at the generall Court the next Month. Alsoe we must tell yo^{u} that we are verie sensible of theise motions w^{ch} tend to the subversion of this Common wealth & alteration of this goverm^{t} established amongest us. & what is further aymed at in this designe we shall further acquaint yo^{u} at yo^{r} comming to the generall Court w^{ch} we desire yo^{u} will be present at. Not else but o^{r} due respects to yo^{u} wee rest.

You^{r} Love^{s} ffreind

Boston 6 7m^{o}(51.) Jo: Endicott Go^{r}
in y^{e} name of y^{e} whole Courte

To his honord & very Lovinge ffriend Captn Thom^{s} Wiggins at his howse at Swampscott in Pascataque, bee these./

[*Portsmouth Received under Massachusetts Government, 1641.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 48, and Court Records, Oct. 9, 1641.]

whereas it appeareth that by the extent of the line (according to our patent) that the River of Pascataquake is wthin the Jurisdiccion of the massatusetts. and conference being had (at severall times wth the said people and some deputed by the generall courte ffor the setling and establishing of order in the administrac'on of Justice there, Itt is now ordered by the Generall Courte houlden at boston the nynth of the eight month 1641 and wth the consent of the Inhabitants of the said river as followeth./

Imp^{s} that from henceforth the said people inhabiting there are

and shall be accepted, and reputed under the Goverment of the massatusetts, as the rest of the Inhabitants w^th^in the said Jurisdic-c'on are Also that they shall have the same order and way of Administration of Justice ; and way of keeping Courte as is established, at Ipswich and Salem Also they shall be exempted from all publicke chardges other then those that shall arise, for or from amongst themselves, or from any occac'on or courses that may be taken to procure their oune propper good or bennefitt: Also they shall enjoy all such lawfull liberties of fishing, planting, ffelling timber, as formerly they have enjoyed in the said river m^r^ Simon Bradstreete, m^r^ Israell Stoughton ; m^r^ Samuell Simonds, m^r^ w^m^ Ting m^r^ ffrancis williams, and m^r^ Edward Hilton ; or any fower of them, whereof m^r^ Bradstreet or m^r^ Stoughton to be one, these shall have the same power that the quarter Courts at Salem and Ipswich have, also the Inhabitants there are allowed to send two Deputyes from the whole rivir to the Courte at Boston Also m^r^ Bradstreet m^r^ Stoughton and the rest of the Comission^rs^ shall have power at the Courte at Pascataquacke to appoint two or three to Joyne w^th^ m^r^ williams, and m^r^ Hilton to governe the people as the magistrates doe heare till the next generall Courte, or till the Courte take further order :/

Itt is further ordered that untill ou^r^ comissioners shall arive at Pascataquacke those men who already have Authority by the late combination to governe the people there, shall continew in the same Authority and power to be determined at the Comming of the said Comissioners, and not before

This is a true Coppy of the court order Concerning the Receaving Pascataquak under the Jurisdicc'on of the massatusetts Gov^r^-ment taken out of the Court Records

8 month (41) ℔ Edward Rawson Secrty

[*Portsmouth Petition for Magistrates &c., 1651.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 38.]

Straberye Bancke 20^th^ of Occto^r^ 1651

To the Honnered Courte Nowe holden at Boston ;—

The Humble pettetion of the Inhabytants of Straberye Banke—

In all dewe Respects Humblye praye ; That whereas wee ffynde by y^e^ answere to a former made by some of y^e^ pettetion^rs^ in the yere 1641. That you Accept of the orderinge and Gover'inge y^e^

said pettetion^{rs}; by waye of there pettion; and by straitninge of y^{e} Lyne; that pascataquacke is wthin y^{e} Juresdection wth it for wee are p^{rs} by straitninge of y^{e} Lyne; That you oulde bee pleased to give order for the Lying out our township; for want of w^{ch} wee deeplye suffer; and to Conferme the same unto us; wth other the Condetions fformerly Agreed one And likewise that wee maye have here and at Dover; two Courts every yere wth two Majistrates; and three Assestants; whereof this Barer m^{r} Bryant pendleton to bee one of the asestants Chossen for this place; And where as by Reason of divers shipinge and others Comminge into this harbour; as likewise some of our owne Inhabytants; severall abuses are committed; and noe Majestrate were at hand to Admester Justice upon the ℔tyes soe offendinge; That before Justice Cann bee donne many departe hence wthout punneshment; and others suffer Rather then to seeke soe ffarr for Justice; Humblye praye that said m^{r} Pendleton maye have more then ordynary power what other asestants have; for the rectyfienge and puneshinge of such abuses to be Committed—And Lastlye our desire is that where as m^{rs} Mason; hath here an Agent whoe Lyith Clayme to some of those Lands wee Inhabitt in the behalfe of Cap: John Masons hearse; That you will be pleased to mentayne the same unto us; agaynst any shall hereafter oppose us—if by straitninge of y^{e} Lyne the Lands are wthin y^{e} Juresdection; if not There to Leve both our ℔sons Lands and all freelye to our selves as fformerlye wee were before you took us into y^{r} Goverm^{t} To mentayne our owne Rights; or to submitt our selves to those to whome it maye appere Justlye don; In Confermation of our desires herein; wee whose names are hereunder subscribde p^{r}sent this in the behalfe and by the ffree consent of all the said Inhabytants; praying this Barer m^{r} pendleton to p^{r}sent this to your honnored Courte; Cravinge y^{r} favorable answere herein—which wee Leave to y^{r} more serious Judgments—for whose prosperytie shall daylie praye &c——

Amb Lane
Renald Fernald
William Hevenor (?)
Henrie Sherburne
John Webster

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 14, 1651, and Archives Vol. 112, p. 38.]

In Answer to a petition of the Inhabitant^{s} of Strabery banke for the Layinge out of theire Townshippe & severall other thinges exprest therein This Court thinkes meete to graunt the petitiono^{rs} all the Land betweene Hampton and them that is not already graunted to Townes or persons, (Squamset pattent excepted)

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 23, 1651.]

In Answer to the peticion of the Inhabitants of strawberry bancke the Courte Graunts the peticioners all the land betweene Hampton and them that is not already graunted to Tounes or persons Squamscott pattent excepted 2^{dly} That m^{r} Ambrose Lane M^{r} Brian Pendelton and Henry sherborne are heereby for one whole yeere Invested with Ample power and be enabled as associates wth Capt Thomas wiggin to keepe one Courte in a yeere at straweberry bancke viz., at such time as Cap^{t} wiggins shall appointe to trye all civill & Criminall accions as other theire Courts within this Jurisdiccion doth As also the three aforesaid Comissioners, or each of them shall have power to Administer oathes keepe the peace amongst the Inhabitants and to graunt warrants to bring before them such as shall break the pœnall lawes, the pœnalties whereof exceede not fforty shillings and all offenders whose pœnalty shall exceede the somme aforesaid to binde over to the County Courte or send them to some magis^{ts} to be provided with according to lawe And they have further power to end smale Cawses as three men in Tounes have and for what else is mentioned in the petition The Courte referrs it to the next gennerall Courte of Eleccion to be considered and determined, Provided they have or shall take the oath of fidellitie to this government before they act according to this Commission.

[Mass. Court Records, May 26, 1652.]

In Ans^{r} to the peticion or letter of M^{r} Brian Pendleton : in behalfe of the Inhabitants of strawbery bancke the Courte is willing to Consider of their enlargment when they propound any thing to

Consideration And doe order, that Rich Bellingham Esq^{r} and M^{r} Pendleton wth the Judges of Dover Courte shall keepe Court at Straweberybancke till the inhabitants of strawberry bancke doe present such persons that have taken the oath of fidellitie to this Court to be Allowed and confirmed :/

[Mass. Court Records, May 31, 1652.]

In answer to a letter sent to the court from m^{r} Brian Pendleton of Strabery banke Concerning theire Enlargment The court is willing to consider thereof when they ℔pound any thing to theire consideration which may be suteable to such an End, And doe desire & order that m^{r} Bellingham & m^{r} Pendleton with the Judges of Dover court may keepe court at Strabery banke till the Inhabitant^{s} of Strabery banke doe p^{r}sent some ℔sons y^{t} have taken the oath of fidelitie to this court to be allowed & Confirmed.

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 19, 1652.]

The Inhabitant^{s} of Strabery banke p^{r}fering a petition for the enlargm^{t} of theire Towne bounds are referd to the next Court of Election for further answer when Capt. Wiggan is to shew his Pattent This Court further graunts that m^{r} Henry sherbourne & m^{r} Reynold fernald be admitted as Associates according to theire petition

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[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 26, 1652.]

In Ans^{r} to the petition of the Inhabitants of strawberry bancke The Court seeth not how they cann Graunt further accomodation to the petitioners till Capt wiggins Pattent be seene which will be brought to the next Court of Election and then accordingly it may be supplied, but doe Graunt that M^{r} Henry sherborne and m^{r} Reinold ffernald be Admitted Associates according as in the peticion is desired.

[*Portsmouth Petition for Grant of Land and Change of Name, 1653.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 58.]

To the Honnoured Generall Court assembled att Boston this present Month of May 1653 :/

The Humble petition of the inhabitants of the towne att present Called Strabery banke ;/

Sheweth ; that whereas your petitioners petitioned to the last Generall Court, to graunt unto y^e^ said Inhabitants A Competent portion of Lands to make us a Towneshipp whereby wee may be inabled to subsist, & bee usefull to the Church & Comonwealth ; our deseire is that this Honnoured Court will bee pleased, to shew theire favour & good will towards us and willingnesse to accommodate us to the uttermost, And for that purpose hath deseired the honno^r^d Capt Wiggines to bringe in his Pattent to this present Court :

Now may it please this honnoured Court to take our case into Consideration And to consider of our exstreame necessities ; first in respect of y^e^ number of ffamilyes wch are between 50, & 60, of wch some are Constrained to remoove for want of Land to accomodate them with theire stockes, secondly the qualitie of the land wee live uppon is soe badd its incredible to beleeve except those wch have seene it which they being settled a plantation the first of any in these parts & our willingnesse in submittinge to your Government ; fourthly y^t^ all y^e^ Neighbouringe plantations about us wch were settled since wee ; have theire Townshipps setled & bounded onely wee as yett have none, fiftly that wheras there is much benefitt by Sawmills in other townes in this River and adjacent Townes ; there is none in this Towne but only one wch was never perfected ; nor like to bee.

Wee humbly intreat this honnoured Court to take into theire View this necke of Land wch we live uppon ; wch nature it selfe hath bounded with y^e^ maine Sea & River as may be seene by y^e^ draught of y^e^ River wch was presented to the Last Generall Court ; & now p^r^sented againe by our deputie ; wch necke of Land is farre Lesse than any Neighbouringe towne about us ;

The deseire of your Humble petitioners is that this Honnoured Court would graunt us the necke of Land begininge in the great bay at a place called Cotterills Deleight soe Runninge to y^e^ sea

Accordinge to y^e^ former petition presented to y^e^ Last Generall Court:

And whereas y^e^ name of this plantation att present beinge Strabery banke accidentally soe Called by reason of a banke where straberies was found in this place; Now your petitioners Humble deseire is to have it Called Portsmouth beinge a name most sutable for this place it being the Rivers mouth & a good harbour as any in this Land; And your petitioners shall Humbly pray

Brian Pendleton
Renald Fernald
John Sherbourn
Rich: Cutt
Samuell Gaines
In the behaulfe of the rest

We Conceive the Answer to this Petition must be respited because of m^r^ Masons claime to the Lands only so far as relates to Capt: wiggins Patent the Committe of the Last Court or so many of them as being p^r^sent had thru the hearing of the Case are fittest to be employed now

Daniel Denison
Jos: Hills
Edw. Johnson

The magis^ts^ Approove of the Comittees Retourne for respitting of this petic'on, to y^e^ next Court if theire bretheren the Depu^ts^ Consent heereto

Edward Rawson Secret'y

The Deputyes Consent hereto & doe further graunt the petition^rs^ request viz^t^ that theire Towne shalbe called Portsmouth if o^r^ hon^rd^ magistrates please to Consent hereto

William Torrey Cleric.

The magis^ts^ Consent heereto w^th^ y^e^ name of Portsmouth

Edward Rawson Secret:/

The magists Considering further of y^e^ petic'on desire a present Committee may be chosen to whom y^e^ setling of y^e^ Toune of Portsmouth maybe Referred & theire thoughts thereabouts Retourned to this Court if theire bretheren the depu^ts^ Consent heereto

Edward Rawson secret'y

28 May 1653. m^r^ Symonds is Appointed to be of y^e^ Comittee for y^e^ peticon

m^r^ Samuell winsley m^r^ Joseph Jewet & Shergent Sherman are appoynted to be of this Committee

William Torrey Cleric

The magis^ts^ Consent heereto Edward Rawson Secret'y

The Committee (in answer to this peticion) doth conceive that the line of the Towneship of Porchmouth, should reach from the sea by Hampton lyne, to winnacout River. Leaving the proprieto^rs^ to their just right & interest.

Samuel Symonds Samuel Winsley
Joseph Jewit John Sherman

The Deputyes approve of the returne of the Committee in answer to this pet. w^th^ reference to the Consent of o^r^ hono^rd^ magistrates hereto

William Torrey Cleric.

[Mass. Court Records, May 18, 1653.]

In Answer to the petition of Strabery banke it is ord^d^ that there Towne shalbe Called Portsmouth & that the Lyne of theire Townshipp should reach from the sea by Hampton Lyne to Winnacout river leaving the ꝑprietors to theire Just rights & intrests

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[*Portsmouth Petition for Certain Privileges, 1655.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 56.]

To the Honnoured Generall Court assembled at Boston in y^e^ Mounth of May 1655

The Humble petition of y^e^ Inhabitants of the Towne (att present) called strabery banke

sheweth that whereas there are Certaine Townes about us wch enjoyes y^e^ priviledg of freemen & have theire votes in chusinge Governo^rs^ Magistrates and other officers for the Administration of justice; our Humble request is that this Honnoured Court will be pleased to graunt unto us equall priviledge with Kittery and Yorke, And Likewise that you will give power to those Magistrates that

are to keepe Court amoungst us to Nominate & appoint Comissioners for the endinge of differences under tenn pounds haveing great need of such ffor maney times wee loose our right, by reason wee Cannot summon those that are delinquents to any other Courte except it be for greater summes And likewise that you will be pleased to Confirme our Millitarie officers that they may be Established by power from your selves for wee have betwixt 70 & 80 men able to beare Armes, within our presincts although wee Cannot as yett Call it a Townshipp, but wee hope you will be mindfull of us, in all y^e^ p^r^mises, which if you bee it will bee a great encouragement for your poore petitioners to goe on in theire Imployments & to follow it with more Chearfullnesse whereby wee may be usefull in the Common wealth & ready att all times to sett our selves forward for y^e^ good of y^e^ Countrey & the benefitt of those amoungst whome wee live & your petitioners shall humbly pray &c

John Sherburn — Renald Fernald
Rich : Cutt — Samuell Gaines

we Conceive the Inhabitants of strawbery Banke should be satisfyed w^th^ the privilidges granted by the Court at their Comming under this goverment

2^dly^ That the Court of Dover or strawbery Bancke may nominate & confirme Commissioners for the ending of smal Causes under 40^s^ as in other Towns

3 That the sd Court may Confirme such millitary officers as they shall p^r^sent

Daniel Denison
Edw : Johnson
Jos : Hills

The magists Approove of the Retourne of the Committee as An Ans^r^ to y^e^ petic'on w^th^ Reference to y^e^ Consent of their bretheren the Depu^ts^ heereto

Edw Rawson sec^y^

The Deputyes Consent to o^r^ hon^rd^ magists in Answer to this petition

William Torrey Cleric

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 11, 1672.]

Whereas this Court granted to the Inhabitants of Portsmouth land for a village the last session & having now brought in a platt of a tract of land above Dover bounds the said land so laid out is hereby confirmed to the Inhabitants of Portsmouth Provided a farme of three hundred acres of upland & meadow be laid for the use of the Countey by Ensigne Davis of Dover & m^r^ wincoll as also that the said plat entrench not on any former grants laid out and that the said land be improoved for a village in five yeares w^th^ twenty families such as shall mainteyne an able & approoved ministry and that this land & village be liable to Countey Rates as other Tounes in this Colony are Y^e^ plat is on file.

RAYMOND.

[This territory was purchased of an Indian, in 1717, by Col. Stephen Dudley, and was called *Freetown*. It was included in the incorporation of Chester, Aug. 27, 1826, and so remained until set off and incorporated as a parish by the name of Raymond, May 9, 1764. The boundary line between Raymond and Candia was established June 23, 1848.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 717; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 307; Index to Laws, 465; History, by Joseph Fullonton, 1875, pp. 407; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 443.]

[GRANT TO SAMUEL SYMONDS.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 19, 1658.]

June 3, 1657: M^r^ Symonds land Confirmd.

Memorandum that upon the day & yeare abovewritten, Samuell Symonds of Ipswich in the shire of Essex in New England Gen^t^ did take possession of sixe hundred & forty acres of Ground Graunted to him by the Honnored Generall Court in the presence & w^th^ the Consent of mohermite Sagamore of those parts The place & farme is now Called The Island ffalls. there is a tree close by that falls marked w^th^ two SS, and a litle Island in the River by the falls, there douneward conteyning in length one full mile, from the lower end of that litle Island aforesaid up the River and

halfe a mile in breadth on each side of the said River w^ch^ River is Called Lamper eele River. That place or part of Lamper Ele River is betweene the Tounes of Dover and exetur up into the Countrie beyond the bounds of either of those Tounes in that place and about sixe miles^s^ Douneward by land to the mouth of the said Lamper Ele : River which emptieth itself there into the Great Bay : And to this wee give our Testimony.

The m^r^ke of John ǂ Gage
Daniell Epps

Wee also were present when the land above mentioned was laid out & possession taken

Edward Hilton sen^r^
Edward Hilton Jun^r^

This Retourne being presented to the Generall Court for their Allowance & Confirmation by m^r^ Samuell Symonds :

The Court Judgeth it meete to Allow & Confirme this Retourne so as the River herein mencioned be & Remaine in Comon as in times past & y^t^ the land be free from former Graunts :/

In Ans^r^ to m^r^ Samuell Symonds further Request y^t^ this Court would explaine theire proviso in theire Graunt so as It may not extend to p^r^judice his right & liberty in the said River for the Conveniency of his mills although in all other Respects y^e^ said River be at liberty : The Court declares in Answer thereto that It is not theire Intent to prohibitt the setting up of a mill so as the River be free in other Respects./

RICHMOND.

[Granted by Massachusetts, June 20, 1735, to Capt. Joseph Sylvester's men, and called *Sylvester-Canada*. Granted Feb. 28, 1752, to Joseph Blanchard and others, and incorporated as Richmond. The charter was renewed June 11, 1760. A triangular tract in the north part of the town was severed and annexed to Swanzey, Dec. 11, 1762. Another portion was taken off June 23, 1815, and combined with portions of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, and Swanzey, to make the town of Troy. The northwest corner was severed and annexed to Winchester July 2, 1850.

See New Hampshire charters following: X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 312; Index to Laws, 475; History, by William Barrett, 1884, pp. 578; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 322.]

[Mass. Court Records, June 20, and House Journal, June 19, 1735.]

A Petition of Major James Warren, for himself and others, that Served in the Expedition against Canada in the Year 1690, Under Joseph Sylvester, or are the Representatives of such of the said Soldiers as are deceased; Praying for a Tract of the Province Lands of the Contents of Six Miles Square for a Township to Settle on, in consideration of the great hardships they or their Ancestors endured in the said Expedition—

In the House of Represent[a] Read & Voted That a Tract of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province of the Contents of Six Miles Square be and hereby is Granted to the Pet[rs] their heirs and Assignes Respectivly forever for a Township, to lye in some Suitable place; That the Grantees be and hereby are obliged to bring forward the Settlement of the said Township, in as Regular a manner as the Situation and Circumstances of the said Town will Admit, in the following manner viz[t] That each Grantee his heirs or assignes build an house on his Respective Lott or share of Eighteen feet Square & Seven feet Stud at the least, and plow & bring to English Grass & fit for mowing Six Acres of land: and that they Settle a Learned Orthodox Minister, & build a Convenient Meeting house for the Publick Worship of God; that one Sixty third part of the said Township be and hereby is Granted to the first Settled Minister, the like quantity for the use of the Ministry, & the like quantity for the use of the School, in all the Divisions of the said Township; that the Grantees be and hereby are obliged to give a Bond of Twenty pounds for the Fulfilment of the Conditions aforesaid; the Bonds to be made to the Treasurer of the Province, and in Case any of the Grantees shall fail of the performance of his Grant, such person shall forfeit all Right Title & pretence thereto in the Province, to be disposed of as this Court shall think proper In Council Read & Concurr'd—

[Mass. Court Records, June 21, and House Journal, June 20, 1735.]

In the House of Represent[a] *Voted* that John Cushing jun[r] & James Warren Esq[r] with such as the Hon[ble] Board shall Appoint be a Com[tee] to lay out the Township lately Granted to the officers

& soldiers & the Represent[a] of such as are deceased, who were in the Canada Expedition Anno 1690, Under the particular Command of Cap[t] Joseph Silvester late deced, and that the Com[tee] Return a plat of the Township to the Court within twelve months for confirmation, and take Effectual Care that the Grantees comply with the Several Conditions of the Grant—

In Council Read & Concurr'd and Samuel Thaxter Esq[r] is Joined in the Affair—

Consented to J Belcher

[*Petition of Committee for Laying Out Richmond, 1736.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 105, p. 147.]

To His Excele[y] Jon[a] Belcher Esq[r] Gov[r] & Comand[r] in Chief &c To y[e] Hon[le] Council—

The Memorial & Petition of Sam[ll] Thaxter In the Name & by order of the Comitte for Laying out a Canada Township so Called Granted to the officers & Souldiars belonging to the Company under y[e] Comand of Cap[t] Joseph Silvester Humbly Sheweth

That By order of the Gen[ll] Court passed in their Sessions May 1735, Fifty pounds was allowed to be Drawn out of the Publick Treasury & paid to the Respective Comittes for y[e] Laying out &c the Canady Townships so Called— That y[e] Memorialists have Expended a Considerable sum in y[e] Service for Laying the Township Granted to s[d] Silvester & Company & Desire yo[r] Excele[y] & Hon[rs] will order a warr[t] to y[e] Treasurer for paym[t] of Fifty pounds allow'd as afores[d] to y[e] s[d] Comitte—& yo[r] Memorialist shall pray &c—

June 30, 1736 Sam[l] Thaxter

[Mass. House Journal, July 6, 1736.]

A Plat of the contents of six miles square, with an allowance for swag of Chain and Ponds, and one hundred acres of Land granted to Col. *Josiah Willard* surveyed and laid out by *Josiah Willard* Surveyor, and two Chain men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court to the Officers and Soldiers in the Company late under the Command of Capt. *Joseph Sylvester*, deceased, &c. lying Easterly of the Township of *Earlington*, so called, was presented for

allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the Officers and Soldiers in the *Canada* Expedition *Anno* 1690, in the Company late under the Command of Capt. *Joseph Sylvester*, deceased, and to their Heirs and Assigns, and to the Heirs, legal Representatives and Descendants of such of them as are since deceased, and to their Heirs and Assigns respectively for ever, they complying with the Conditions, provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of six miles square of Land, exclusive of the Grant of one hundred acres to Col. *Willard*, and the allowance for swag of Chain and Ponds as within mentioned, and does not interfere with any other former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 10, p. 20.]

June the 12, 1736— Then Cap^{t} Josiah Willard Survey^{r} & George Macfarland & James Johnson Chainmen were sworn to Deal faithfully & Impartially In Surveying & measuring The Township Granted by the Gen^{ll} Court to Cap^{t} Joseph Silvester & Company &c—

Before me Sam^{l} Thaxter Js peace

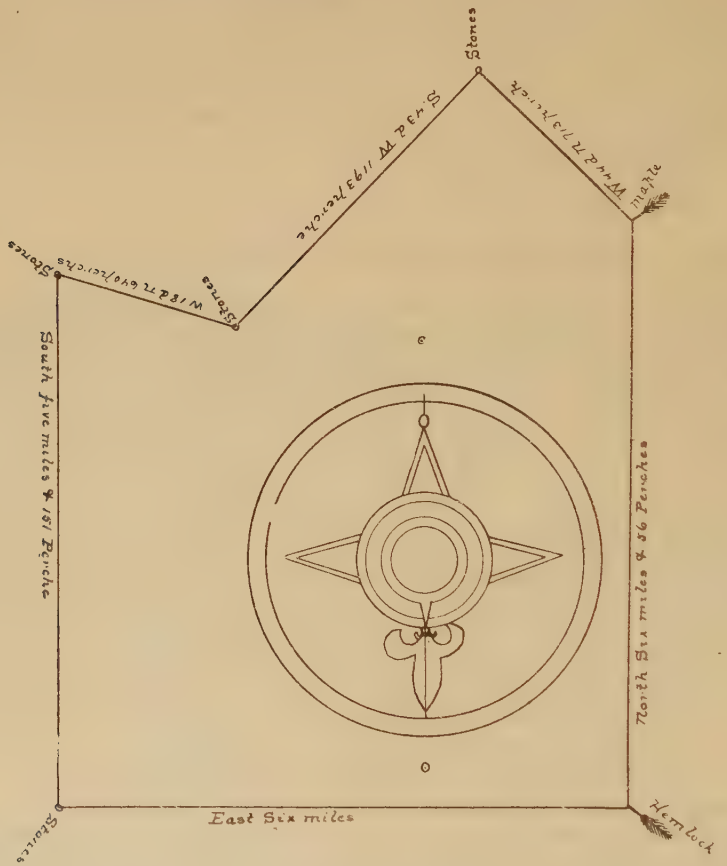
June y^{e} 19th 1736.

Then finished the Laying out a Tract of Land on the Easterly Side of Arlington Granted by the Great and General Court held at Boston In June 1735— for a Plantation or Township of the Contents of Six Miles Square and is Granted to Capt Joseph Silvister and his Company and is bounded thus beginning at a piller of Stones Erected for the South Easterly corner of Arlington from thence runing East Six miles partly on a Town Ship Lately Laid out and partly on province Land— to a Hemlock tree marked with J. S. from thence Running North Six miles & fifty Six Perches to a maple tree marked with J. S— from thence West 44 degres North Seven hundred and thirteen Perch to an heap of Stones on the Lower ashewelot line and from thence South forty three deg. West on the ashewelot line one thousand one hundred and ninety three perch to a piller of Stones then West Eighteen deg. North Six hundred & fourty Perch to a piller of stones then Running South on Arlington line five miles and one hundred and fifty one Rods to a piller of Stones the first mentioned Bounds

there's allowed about one Rod in thirty for uneven land and Swag of Chain, also there is allowed one hundred acres for a farm all ready Granted to Coll. Josiah Willard with five hundred acres for ponds—

℔ Josiah Willard Surveyor

a scale of 310 perch to an inch



Province of the Massachusetts Bay ss. June 19, 1736.

Wee the subscribers being the Majr part of a Comitte of the Great & Genll Court of the sd Province appointed to Lay out the Township Lately Granted to Capt Joseph Silvester & Company & the representatives of Such as are Decesd Have according to Orders

Survey^{d} & Lay'd out a Township of the Contents of Six miles Square as Described by this Platt & have also agreed to notifie the Prop^{rs} to meet in order to become Bound to fulfill the Condition according to the Direction of the Gen^{ll} Court—

All which is most Humbly Submitted By

Sam^{l} Thaxter
Jn^{o} Cushing Jun^{r}

In the House of Representatives July 6th 1736– Read and Ordered that the plat be accepted and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the officers & Soldiers in the Canada Expedition Anno 1690 in the Company late under the Command of Capt Joseph Sylvester deceased and to their heirs and assigns and to the Heirs legal Representatives and descendants of such of them as are since deceased and to their heirs and assigns respectively for ever they complying with the Conditions of the Grant, provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of Six Miles square of Land exclusive of the Grant of one hundred acres to Col^{o} Willard & the allowance, for swagg of Chain and ponds as within mentioned, and does not interfere with any other former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence — J Quincy Sp^{kr}
In Council July 6, 1736—
Read & Concur'd — Simon Frost– D. Sec:
Consented to — J. Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, July 6, 1736.]

A plat of the Contents of Six Miles Square, with the Allowance of One Rod in thirty for Swag of Chain & Uneven lands as also for one hundred Acres of Land, Granted to Col^{o} Josiah Willard & five hundred Acres for ponds, Surveyed and laid out by Josiah Willard Survey^{r} and Chainmen on Oath, to Satisfy a Grant of this Court made to the officers and Soldiers in the Company, late Under the Command of Cap^{t} Joseph Sylvester dec'ed, and lying Easterly of the Township of Arlington so Called, & bounded as follows viz^{t} Begining at a piller of Stones erected for the South Easterly Corner of said Arlington; thence Runing East, Six Miles to a hemlock tree Marked with J S from thence Runing North Six Miles & fifty Six perch to a Maple tree Marked J S; thence West 44 deg. North Seven hundred & thirteen perch to a

heap of Stones on the lower Ashuelet line from thence S° 13 Deg. West on the Ashuelet line One thousand one hundred & Ninety three perch to a piller of Stones; then West 18 deg. North Six hundred forty perch to a piller of Stones; and then Runing South on Arlington line, five Miles & One hundred and fifty Rods, to the pillar of Stones first mentioned; which plat Accompanied the Report of the Com^tee^ Appointed to lay out the said Township—

[Mass. Court Records and House Journal, Jan. 18, 1736–7.]

In the House of Represent^a^ Whereas a Grant of a Township of the Contents of Six Miles Square was made by this Court at their Session in June 1735 to the officers & Soldiers in the Canada Expedition Under the Command of Cap^t^ Joseph Sylvester and to the heirs legal Represent^a^ & descendants of such of them as are deceased, But for as much as a Sufficient Number of said Grantees do not Appear to give Bonds for fulfilling the Conditions Agreeable to the directions of the said Grant

Therefore *ordered* that the Com^tee^ Appointed to Admit Settlers in said Township be Impowred to Admit any others that were Either officers & Soldiers in any other Company in the said Canada Expedition, or the heirs Legal Represent^a^ or Descendants of any of them who are Since deceased, who have not been Admitted Grantees into other Towns; So as to make the Number of Sixty Settlers in all; and that upon their giving Bond as aforesaid, they each of them be entitled to a Sixty third part of said Township, provided they perform the Conditions of said Grant, Unless a Sufficient Number of the said Company so as to make up in the whole of the said officers and Soldiers or of the heirs legal Represent^a^ or Descendants of such of them as are since dec'ed Appear to make their Claim to said Grant before the Com^tee^ Appointed to admit Grantees at or before the Eighteenth day of March next and that the said Com^tee^ give publick Notice Seasonably of this Order—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, June 18, and House Journal, June 16, 1737.]

In the House of Represent^a *Ordered* That James Warren Esq^r be and hereby is fully Authorized and Impowred to Assemble and for the first Meeting to Convene the Grantees of a Township lately Granted by this Court to the officers and Soldiers in the Canada Expedition Anno 1690, Under the Command of Cap^t Joseph Silvester dec'ed their heirs legal Represent^a &c in some Convenient place in the Town of Plymouth when and where the Grantees under the Direction of the said James Warren Esq^r are to make Choice of a proper Clerk and to pass such votes and Rules & orders for bringing on the Settlement as may be Agreeable to the Conditions of the Grant and also to Agree Upon some Regular Methods for to call proprietors Meetings for the future—

In Council Read & Concurr'd
Consented to J Belcher

[Grant to Josiah Willard.]

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 11, 1736.]

A Plat containing one hundred Acres of Land laid out by *Benjamin Prescot*, Esq; Surveyor, and two Chain-men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court to Col. *Josiah Willard* on his Petition as entred the *9th.* of *January* last, the Land lying East from *Arlington* so called, on both sides of *Roaring Brook*, (it being for raising a Head or Pond of Water for his Mill) was presented for allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said Col. *Josiah Willard* his Heirs and Assigns for ever, he or they performing the Conditions of the Grant, provided the said Plat exceeds not the quantity of one hundred Acres, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 13, 1736.]

A plat of One hundred Acres of Land Granted by this Court to Col^o Josiah Willard lying East of Arlington on both Sides of Roaring Brook so Called, laid out by Benjamin Prescott Esq^r Sur-

vey[r] and Chainmen Upon Oath, begining at a Stake and Stones for the Northerly Corner, thence Runing South 45 Deg. East one hundred & thirty two poles; to a Hemlock tree marked; thence South 45 Deg West one hundred & twenty poles, to a Hemlock tree; thence North 45 Deg. West one hundred & thirty two Rods to a black birch; thence North 45 Deg. East one hundred and twenty poles to the bounds first mentioned

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[Maps and Plans, Vol. 10, p. 25.]

Fort Dummer June 25[th] 1736

Cap[t] Josiah Williard being Apointed Surveyor, and Enoch Hall, And Joseph Alaxander Jun[r] Chainmen For the Laying out of a Grant of one hundred acres of Land Granted by y[e] General Court or assembley to Col[l] Josiah Williard of Leuningburg Jan[ry] 9, 1735/6 On A Brook Called Roaring Brook Eastward of Arlington, The Aboves[d] Josiah Williard Surveyor & Joseph Alaxander & Enoch Hall Chainmen, Appear'd And made Solemen Oath that they would Truely And faithfully According to their best Skill & Judgment Survey & Lay out y[e] abovmentioned Tract of Land

Cor[m] me Joseph Kellogg Justice piece

August 31th 1736.

Layed out a Tract of Land East from Arlington So called on both Sides of Roaring Brook (So called) Containing One Hundred Acres Discribed in the Above Platt To Satisfye a Grant Made to Col^{l} Josiah Willard by the Great & Gen^{l} Court in January Last, which is Bounded as follows viz^{t} At the Northerly Corner On a Stake and Stones Thence Runing South 45 Degrees east One Hundred & Thirty Two poles To a Hemlock Tree Marked for a Corner There Turning A Right Angle & Runing South 45° West One Hundred & Twenty Poles To a Hemlock Tree There Turning A Right Angle and Runing North 45° West One Hundred & Thirty Two Poles To a Black Burch Thence Runing North 45° East One Hundred and Twenty Poles To y^{e} Bound first mentioned all of which Corners with many Trees in the Line are Sufficiently marked platted by a Scale of forty pearch in an Inch Enoch Hall & Joseph Alexander assisting as Chainmen having been Sworn for That Purpose before M^{r} Justice Kellog

℔ Benj^{a} Prescott Surveyor

Province of the Massachusetts Bay

Middlesex ss Woburn Dec^{r} 8th 1736 Benjamin Prescott Esq^{r} Personally Appearing made oath that in the surveying One hundred acres of land Granted by y^{e} Generall Court to Josiah Willard Esq^{r} as described by y^{e} above Plan he therein Acted faithfully & Impartially according to the best of his Skill & Judgment

Before me Joseph Wilder Justice of y^{e} Peace

[Maps and Plans, Vol. 10, p. 25, and Court Records, Dec. 13, 1736.]

In the House of Representatives December 11th 1736

Read & ordered that the plat be Accepted and the Lands therein delineated and described be & hereby are confirmed to the said Col^{o} Josiah Willard his heirs & assigns for Ever he or they performing the Conditions of the Grant provided the plat exceeds not the Contents of One hundred Acres, and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^{kr}

In Council Decem^{r} 13, 1736

Read & Concurrd Simon Frost Dep Sec^{ry}

15; Consented to J Belcher

RINDGE.

[Granted by Massachusetts, Feb. 3, 1736–7, to inhabitants of Rowley, Mass., who were in the Canada expedition. Hence called *Rowley-Canada*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Feb. 14, 1749–50, to Solomon Stewart and others, and known as *Monadnock No.* 1, or *South Monadnock*. Incorporated as Rindge Feb. 11, 1768, and named in honor of Daniel Rindge. The line between Rindge and Fitzwilliam was established June 17, 1847.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 720; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 320; Index to Laws, 476; History, by Ezra S. Stearns, 1875, pp. 788; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 532.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 2, 1736.]

A Petition of *Joseph Pike* for himself and sundry others, Officers and Soldiers in the *Canada* Expedition *Anno* 1690, shewing that they have formerly petitioned this Court for a Township, which has never yet had the favour of passing thro' the whole Court, praying they may now obtain the Grant of a Township in some suitable place in consideration of their services and sufferings in that Expedition, for the reasons mentioned. Read and *Ordered*, That this Petition be taken under consideration to morrow morning.

[Mass. House Journal, June 4, 1736.]

The Petition of *Joseph Pike* for himself and others, *Canada* Officers and Soldiers, as also the Petition of *John Platts* and *John Stewart*, *Canada* Officers and Soldiers *Anno* 1690, praying for Lands, as entred the second currant. Read again, and *Ordered*, That Capt. *Hobson*, and Capt. *Rolfe*, be desired to prepare proper Votes in favour of the Petitions, subjecting the Settlement of the Lands to the Usual Conditions of Settlement.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 9, 1736.]

A Petition of *John Tyler* and *Joseph Pike*, and other *Canada* Soldiers *Anno* 1690, as entred the 27 *h.* of *June* 1735 was read, and the House came into the Grant of a Township of the contents

of six miles square, in some suitable place, on the same Conditions of Settlement with the former, and Capt. *Hobson*, and Major *Charles Pierce*, with such as the honourable Board shall join be the Committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 20, 1738–9.]

A Plat containing six Miles square of Land, with an Allowance of ten thousand Acres for ten large Ponds and a large shrub Swamp about four Miles in length, surveyed and laid out by *Nathanael Haywood*, Surveyor, and two Chain-Men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court made to *John Tyler*, *Joseph Pike*, and others, that were either Officers or Soldiers in the *Canada* Expedition *Anno* 1690, bounded as follows, *viz.* Beginning at a Maple Tree the northerly Corner of *Dorchester Canada* Township, from thence running North 32 gr. East two Miles and 100 Poles to a heap of Stones, Thence North 22 gr. East four Miles thence North one Mile till it meets with the said Township granted to *Samuel Heywood* &c., thence West four Miles by the said Township to the southwesterly Corner thereof, thence North by said Township three Miles and 220 Poles, thence West 30 gr. South five Miles and 180 Perch to a wild Cherry Tree on the Southward of the great Monadnuck aforesaid, thence South 180 Perch, thence East 41 gr. South 2500 Perch to a heap of Stones, then North 12 gr. East one Mile to the northwardly Corner of *Dorchester Canada* Township, being the Maple Tree first mentioned. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described, be and hereby are confirmed to the Grantees, their Heirs and Assigns respectively forever, they effectually complying with the Conditions of the Grant, provided the Plat exceeds not the contents of six Miles square, with the Allowance of ten thousand Acres for ten large Ponds and a large shrub Swamp included therein, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

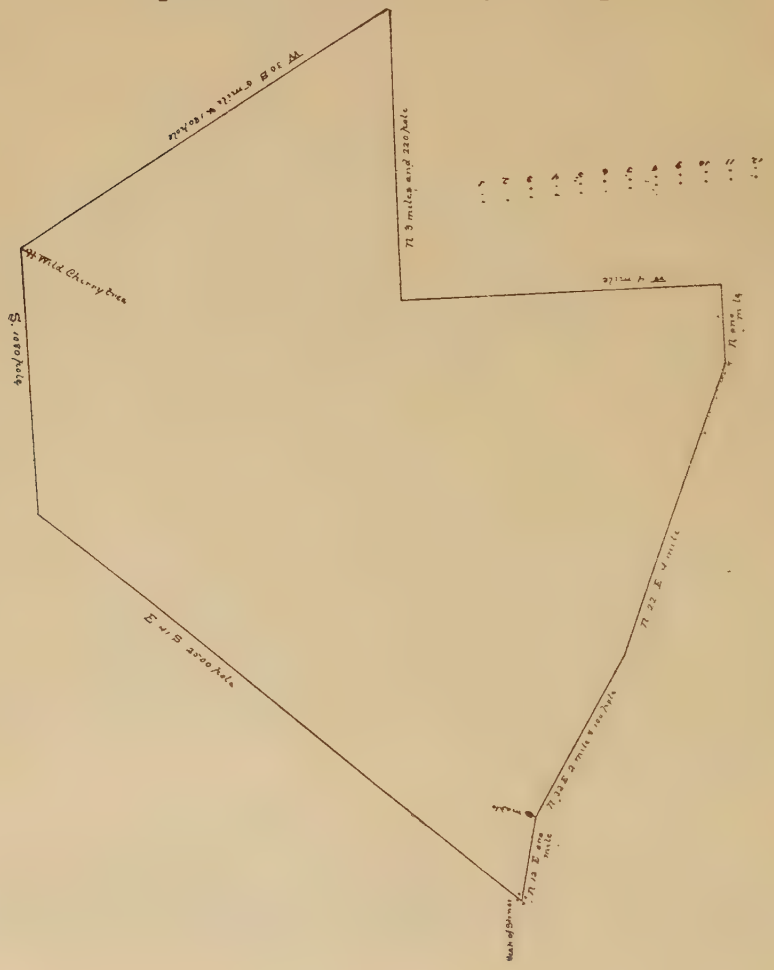
[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 23, 1738–9.]

John Osborne, Esq; brought down the Plat of a Township laid out to satisfy a Grant of this Court made to *John Tyler*, *Joseph*

Pike, and others, as enter'd the 20*th* current. Pass'd in Council, *viz*. In Coucil, *January* 23*d* 1738. Read and non concur'd, and *Ordered*, That five thousand Acres only be allowed for Ponds, &c. and that the Committee be directed to reform the Plat upon the Spot accordingly at the Charge of the Grantees, and report to this Court at the next May Session.

Sent down for Concurrence. Read and concur'd.

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 262.]



[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, pp. 262–264 and Court Records, Jan. 23, 1738–9.]

Mass^{a} Sc. Nov^{r} 1st 1738

Then Nathan Heywood as Surveyor Ephraim Wetherbee and Abel Platts as Chainmen personally Appearing Made Solemn Oath that in Surveying the Township Granted to John Tyler Joseph Pike and Others, officers and Soldiers in the Expedition to Canada Anno, 1690—they would proceed Accordingly to their Best Skill and Judgement therein.

Before Thomas Berry, J^{s} P^{s}

A Plat of a Tract of Land of the Contents of Six Miles Square laid out by Nathan Heywood Surveyor & Chainmen on Oath to Satisfie a Grant made by the Great & General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, held at Boston the 24th of Novem^{r} 1736. to John Tyler, Joseph Pike & others, that were either Officers or Soldiers in the Canada Expedition Anno 1690, or the Descend^{ts} of Such of them as are Dec^{d}, which Tract lieth to the Southward of the Grand Monadnuck so called, & adjoining to the Township lately granted by S^{d} Court to Sam^{ll} Haywood &c. Beginning at a Maple Tree the North Easterly Corner of Dorchester Canada Township from thence running North 32 Deg^{r} East two Miles & one Hundred poles to a Heap of Stones, Thence North 22 Deg^{rs} East four Miles, Thence North One Mile till it meets with the S^{d} Township granted to Sam^{ll} Haywood &c; thence West four Miles by the Said Township to the South Westerly Corner thereof, thence North by the Said Township, Three Miles & 220 poles, thence West 20 Deg^{rs} South five Miles & 180 perch to a Wild Cherry Tree on the Southward of the Grand Monadnuck afores^{d}, Thence South One Thousand & eighty perch; Thence East 41 Deg^{rs} South Two Thousand five Hundred Perch, to a Heap of Stones Then North Twelve Deg; East one Mile to the Northeasterly Corner of Dorchester Canada Township being the Maple Tree first mentioned—With the allowance of One Rod in Thirty for uneven Land & Swag of Chain; And there is a further allowance within the Said Tract for Ten large ponds and a large Shrub Swamp about four Mile in Length & a Mile in Wedth—

Nathan Heywood Sur^{r}

Exam^{d} & Approv^{d}, Eben^{r} Burrill

We the Subscribers Appointed a Committee to Lay out a Town-

ship of the Contents of Six Miles Square To John Tyler, Joseph Pike and others, Are of Opinion that the Allowance made in this Plat Surveyed by Nathan Haywood, and returned to this Court, being about Ten Thousand Acres is but a reasonable and Just Alowance.

Thomas Berry }
Charles Peirce } Committee
John Hobson }

In the House of Rep^tives Jan^ry 20^th 1738
Read and ordered that the Plan be Accepted and the lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are Confirmed to the Grantees their heirs and Assignes Respectively forever they Effectually Complying with the Conditions of the Grant provided y^e Platt Exceeds not the Contents of Six mile Square with y^e Allowance of Ten Thousand Acres for Ten large ponds & y^e Large shrub Swamp Included therein and does not Interfere with any former Grant Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^kr

In Council Jan^ry 23^d 1738
Read & Nonconcurr'd and Ordered That five thousand Acres only be allowed for Ponds &c^a And that the Committee be directed to reform the Plat upon the spot accordingly, at the Charge of the Grantees, and report to this Court at the next May session
Sent down for Concurrence
J Willard Sec'ry

In the House of Rep^tives Jan^r 23^d 1738
Read and Concurred J Quincy Sp^kr
24 : Consented to, J Belcher

[*Petition of Proprietors of Rindge, 1760.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 117, p. 611.]

To His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq^r Governour & Commander in Chief of His Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England &c—
To the Hon^ble His Majesties Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled the Seventeenth Day of Dec^r A. D. 1760—

THE PETITION of Benjamin Mullickin Thomas Perly & Moody Bridges Agents for the Proprietors of a Township Called & known by the Name of Rowly Cannada—Humbly Sheweth—

That the great & General Court of the Province Afores^{d} Made a Grant of a Tract of Land of the Contents of Six Miles Square to John Tyler Joseph Pike & others officers & Soldiers in the Cannada Expedition A D 1690 As a Gratuity for their Service in s^{d} Expedition

THAT on the 23^{d} Day of January AD 1739 a Plot of s^{d} Township was Return'd to the Court by the Com^{tee} Appointed to Lay out the Same, which was made Large On Account of Sundry Ponds & a Large Shrub Swamp Contain'd in the Bounds thereof Which was Accepted with this Restriction that Five Thousand Acres Only Should be Allow'd for ponds &c & the Com^{tee} were Directed to Conform the Plot Accordingly, Which Business of s^{d} Com^{tee} in Correcting s^{d} Plot was postpon'd 'till A. D. 1741 When the Dividing Line between s^{d} Province & the Province of New Hampshire was Run which took the Greatest Part of s^{d} Township into s^{d} province of New Hapshire Therefore s^{d} Com^{ttee} Never Conformed s^{d} Plot According to Court order—

But may it Please Your Excellency & Hon^{rs} The Proprietors of s^{d} Township Look'd upon themselves as Haveing Good Right to a Township of the Contents of Six Miles Square within the Limmits of s^{d} Plot Nothwithstanding the Neglect of s^{d} Com^{ttee} in Conforming s^{d} Plot to the order of Court & Notwithstanding the greatest part of it Fell into the Government of New Hampshire by the Settlement of s^{d} Line For Haveing had Recourse to the Commission of His Majesty For Marking out the Dividing Line of s^{d} Provinces they were Inform'd that His Majesty was Graciously Pleased to make a Declaration Against private Property being Affected thereby And they were Secure that Nothing would Impeach or Affect their Right to that part of s^{d} Township that Remain'd in the province of the Massachusetts Bay—

WHEREFORE the better to Extend His Majesties Dominions & to promote their own Interest the s^{d} prop^{rs} took Courage & began to make Improvements A D 1742 And by great Labour & Expence in Clearing Roads Building of Mills & Provideing Materials for a Meeting House for the Publick Worship of God the Charges of the prop^{rs} were greatly Augmented But the Commencement of a War with the Savages greatly Retarded the Settlement of s^{d} Township But as Soon as the war was over they Return'd to their Possessions & made good progress in Bringing Forward Settle-

ments till A. D. 1749 When the Hon^ble Joseph Blanchard Esq^r of Dunstable Signified to s^d prop^rs that s^d Township was Claim'd by Certain Gentlemen in New Hampshire Afores^d by Virtue of an Ancient Patent Called Masons Patent which Moved s^d prop^rs to Send a Com^tee to Treat with the s^d Joseph Blanchard Esq^r (Who Represented s^d Gentlemen) In order For an Accomodation Whom when they had Treated upon the premises were in Suspense whither s^d Township was Included in s^d patent and So they let the Matter Subside till they Could Measure from the Sea Sixty Miles west to find the Extent of it which Accordingly was Done at the Expence of s^d prop^rs and they found that a Township of the Contents of Six Miles Square Might be made within the Limmits of s^d plot which s^d patent Could Not Affect and Accordingly Return was made to Col^o Blanchard that s^d Sixty Mile Line took so Inconsiderable a part of What was Included in s^d Plot that they tho't it Not Convenient to Ask for it Seeing they Had Enough for a Township without it

And Now may it Please your Excellency & Hon^rs Notwithstanding the Caution of s^d Prop^rs in Labouring to Secure to themselves if possible the Benefit of their Labour Said Township was Granted by the proprietors of s^d Patent to a Number of Men who were not of the Prop^rs of Rowly-Cannada Afores^d Nor had s^d Proprietors Ever after s^d Treaty with Col^o Blanchard An offer of s^d Township But were Utterly Excluded by the Afores^d Grant and on the 5^th Day of Sept^r A D 1751 An Action was Commenced Against One Joseph Plats of the proprietors Holding Under the Massach^ts Government by One Sam^ll Johnson Holding under the Proprietors of s^d patent which after Several Years Continuance from Term to Term Judgment was Finally made up in the Superiour Court in Favour of s^d Johnson & Execution Issued in the Imprisonment of s^d Plats & Terminated in great Cost & Expence to s^d prop^rs & in the Loss of s^d Township For Notwithstanding s^d proprietors Prov'd their Right to s^d Township as Granted by the province of the Massachusetts Bay & that it Laye without s^d Patent & prov'd their Right to the Soil by Virtue of the Deed of the Massachusetts province from the Council of Plymouth & his Majesties Direction Against private Property being affected by the Settlement of the Line as Afores^d Yet it was Alledged & strongly Urg'd that the Massachusetts Government was None other than a Corporation and that therefore they had No Right in Fee to the Soil of their own Province Much less to Rowly Cannada which Lay in New hampshire So that the proprietors were Discouraged from Make-

ing any Further Trial in the Courts of New hampshire And were Obliged to Evacuate their Settlements And the propr^s Holding Under the Lords of s^d Patent Have taken Possession of the Houses & Lands of the propr^s of s^d Rowly Cannada Nor have they been Able to Obtain Any Redress Haveing Apply'd to the Propr^s of s^d Patent & to the propr^s Holding Under them but all to No purpose The propr^s Also as Individuals have Apply'd to those who Enjoy their Houses & the Benefit of their Labour But there is Not a Single Instance wherein any one of them have Rec^d Any Consideration—

That the Great & General Court of the province of the Massachusetts Bay Through Some Miss Information (as Your Petitioners Conceive) Did in the Year 1752 make Sale of Several Thousand Acres of Land Included in the afores^d Plot which Lay in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Afores^d & was Not taken off by the Dividing Line of s^d Provinces So that the propr^s Have Now No Dependance but upon the Interposition of the great & General Court afores^d for Relief in their Unfortunate & Distressing Circumstances—

Therefore Your Petitioners in Behalf of the propr^s of Rowly Cannada Afores^d Humbly Intreat Your Excellency & Hon^rs to Take the premises into your Wise Consideration and in Your great Wisdom & Justice Grant them the Relief which they Humbly Crave (viz) That the Charges S^d propr^s have been at in Bringing forward the Settlement of s^d Township may be Reimbursted to them By An Act of the Great & General Court Afores^d To Enable them to Raise the Sum of Twelve Hundred & Eighty two pounds Six Shillings & Nine pence by a Lottery which they have Expended in the Concerns of s^d Township (viz) Six Hundred & Eighty two pounds Six Shillings & Nine pence thereof in Taxes which Have been Levied upon s^d proprietors & Six Hundred thereof (at the Lowest Computation) which hath been Expended in Buildings & Bringing forward Settlements Also That the Court would be Graciously pleased to Make them a Grant of 2745 Acres of Land to be taken up in the Unappropriated Lands of the Government in Lieu of So much Land Included in the Afores^d Plot Lying in s^d Massachusetts Province Sold by the Court as Afores^d or Some other way Relieve s^d proprietors as to your Excellency & Hon^rs Shall Seem Meet And Your Memorialists as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Benj^a Mullicken, Thomas Perley, Moody Bridges } Agents for the Propr^s of Rowly Cannada

Sworne to by Benj^{n} Mulliken Esq^{r} Moody Bridges Esq^{r} about 2700 Acres Lying on this Side the Line Sold by this Province to Royalshier

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[*Amounts Expended by Rindge Proprietors.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 117, p. 615.]

Att a Meeting of the Grantees of a Township Granted to John Tyler Joseph Pike & others officers & Soldiers in the Expedition to Canada anno 1690—at Rowley the fourteenth Day of Feb^{r} 1738—

Voted £3=18=6 to be Paid on Each Right to Defray the Charg of Runing the Line Round the Township & marking the Same and Viewing for the first Division Lots &c

at a meeting of s^{d} Prop^{rs} January 26: 1742/3 Voted £1=00 old Tenor to be Paid on Each Right to him that Shall Build a Sawmill in s^{d} Township—

att a meeting of s^{d} Proprietors on the 22 Day of June 1743 Voted that £3=00 old Tenor Be Paid on Each Right to Defray the Charge of Building a meeting House In Said Township—

at a meeting of s^{d} Prop^{rs} Nov^{r} 7: 1749 Voted £4/ old Tenor to be Paid on Each Right to Defray Charges—

At a meeting of s^{d} Prop^{rs} March 28: 1750 Voted one Pound old Tenor to be Paid on Each Right to Defray Charges—

At a meeting of s^{d} Prop^{rs} Dec^{r} 25: 1750 Voted £1=4^{s}/ Lawful money to be Paid on Each Right to Defray Charges—

At a meeting of s^{d} Prop^{rs} october y^{e} 22: 1751 Voted £4=0=8 to be Paid on Each Right to Defray Charges—

At a meeting of s^{d} Prop^{rs} on y^{e} 11 Day of June 1754 Voted that £4/ be Paid on Each Right to Defray Charges—

At a meeting of s^{d} Prop^{rs} on y^{e} 16 Day of Dec^{r} 1758 Voted that Six Shillings be Paid on Each Right to Defray Charges

Attest Tho^{s} Perley Prop: Clerk

The Several Sums Voted as abovs^{d} amounts to £11=5=2 on Each Right There being 61 Rights in s^{d} Township the Sum total is 686=15=2 Lawful mony

[*Statement of Abel Lawrence.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 117, p. 619.]

In Compliance with your Desire that I would Committ to wrighting the Princaple Facts I recollect relating to Abel Platts Joseph Platts, and Josiah Ingalls, Suffurings and losses on account of their lands in Rowley Cannada being Taken from them by the Propriators Claiming under Jn° Tufton Mason Esq^r^ in the Province of New Hampshire—I have to Inform you that I am Knowing that Abel Platts, Joseph Platts & Josiah Ingalls, with their famileys were Some of, if not y^e^ very first Settlers in that Township under the Grant of this Province that Each of them have made Considerable Improvements and have Considerable Buildings on y^e^ Same—That Since the Claimers from y^e^ Side of New Hampshire Entered on the Township and Possessed themselves of the Greatest Part of it Abel & Joseph Platts kept the Possession of their Farms for Sundry Years, after and Even untill the Titles of those lands were Settled by a Judgment of the Superiour Court of the Said Province of New Hampshire, against the Said Joseph Platts, and he was Ejected out of the Possession of Said lands and not being able to pay the Charges was Imprisoned in Portsmouth Goal, if I mistake not more than Six months when he was releived by the help of his friends—That aboute this time I Purchased a Right in Said Township, from those who held under M^r^ Mason which happned to be a part of the Same lands which M^r^ Ingalls, had Improved by virtue of the Grant of this Goverment—which lands I have Since Sold s^d^ Ingalls—now being a Propriator under Mason was Chosen Clerk for y^e^ Propriators of Said Township & Served for them Several Years—and am Certain that nither Abel Platts, Joseph Platts, nor Josiah Ingalls, nor Either of them were Ever favoured or Ever had in that township: (I never heard they had in any other) any allowance or Consideration for their losses Either from New Hampshire or this Province, I also am knowing to the Platt's Living on those Lands when Fitchs Garrison fifteen miles on this side was Taken Two Soldiers kill^d^ & Fitch & family Captavatied I have heard the Petitions red think the facts are true & that they are no ways Exaggerated & that the Petitioners are amoung the greatest Sufferres occation by the runing of the line &c &c &c— I am Gentlemen your most obedient Humble Servant—

Abel Lawrence

ROCHESTER.

[This town, as incorporated May 10, 1722, included the present towns of Farmington and Milton. The westerly part was set off and incorporated as Farmington, Dec. 1, 1798. Milton was set off and incorporated, June 11, 1802. A part of Rufus C. Varney's farm was severed and annexed to Barrington, July 10, 1846. A city charter was granted March 31, 1891.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 721; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 332; Index to Laws, 479; Historical Notices, by Joseph Haven, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, p. 169; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 719; History, by Franklin McDuffee, in two volumes, 1892, pp. 688.]

[Grant to Thomas Lake.]

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 2, p. 15, and Court Records, Oct. 11, 1672.]

Laid out unto Capt Richard Walderne for the use of Capt Thomas Lake and partners (by vertue of an order of the generall Court held at Boston the 31th day of may 1671) one thousand two hundred and eightie acres of land on the southwest side of the river of Newichawanock about a mile above the head line of the towne ship of Dover as followeth viz: Beginning at a certain elboe of the said river Knowne by the name of the Greate Eddie neare to a point of land Called Goliahs Neck and from the said Great Eddie six hundred and fortie rods west and by south in the length of the said lands and from the said Great Eddie three hundred and twentie rods and by the west for the breadth of it.

℔ me John Wincoll

April 26, 1672

May 24th The Deputyes allow of this returne 1672 as a pt of the 400 acrrs graunted them by this Court or Honord magists consenting hereto

William Torrey Cleric

16.8.72 The magists Consent hereto Provided ye Grant Intrench not in ye least [on] ye land confirmed by this Court to Dr Whitchcotte or his sucessors & that this land be liable to pay Country rates as other Townes The magists hand past this their brethren the Deputs hereto

Edw Rawson Secrety

Consented to by the Deputyes William Torrey Cleric 16th (8) 72

Att A General Court held at Boston 31th may 1671 In Ansr to the motion & request of Capt Thomas Lake & partners It is ordered that Capt John Wincoll & John Hall shall & hereby are Impowerd to Lay out the fouer thousand acres one hundred twenty & ffive acres of land formrly Granted them : making there returne to this Court—

This is A true Copie of the Courts Grant taken out of the Courts booke of Reccords as Attest

Edw Rawson Secret'y

[Grant to Samuel and Mrs. Parnell Nowell.]

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 14, 1656.]

The Court being sencible of the lowe Condicion of the late Honnored mr Nowells family & Remembring his long service to this Commonwealth in the place not only of a magistrate but Secretary also, for wch he had but litle and slender Recompenc, & the Countries debts being such as out of the Country Rate they Cannot Comfortably make such an honnorable recompenc to his family as otherwise they would Judge meete therefore do Give & Graunt to mrs Nowell and hir sonne Samuell two thousand acres of land to be laid out by mr Thomas Danforth and Robert Hale in any part of the Countrie not yet Graunted to others in two or three farmes that may not hinder any plantacion to be erected—

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 18, 1656.]

Wee, whose names are subscribed according to An order and Graunt made by the Generall Court held at Boston octob. 14, 1656. Have laid out to Mrs Parnell Nowell one thousand acres of Land lying beyond Dover bounds on the Northwest & lyeth upon the quochecho River on both sides thereof begining on the North east side of a brooke that runneth into the said River on the north west side of Scohomogomocks Hill lately planted by Indians and lying two miles in length up the same upon the said River and half a mile in breadth Also on the southwest side of the said River begining at a Pine tree, marked standing Anent the Aforesaid scohomogomocke Hill and from thence Runing Southwest three

quarters of a mile and in length up the same one mile and a halfe and at the upper end of the said line lying in breadth from the River halfe a mile being parralell to the lower lyne./

Also laid out unto m^r^ Samuell Nowell one thousand acres lying on y^e^ south and east side of the aforesaid schohomogomocke Hill and is bounded with the wildernes land Annent the great Pine Swamp on the North east side thereof and continewed betweene that and chochecho River towards Dover bounds, the which south east line wee could not cleerely Determine becawse Dover bounds is as yett unlaid out:

Given under our hands. Thomas Danforth
Ap^r^ 28: 1657. Robert Hale

The Court Accepts of this Returne of the Commissioners: in Reference to the lands therein mencioned

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[Mass. Archives, Vol. 45, p. 172.]

In observance of an order of y^e^ Hon^rd^ Councill march 4^th^ 167$\frac{8}{9}$ The farmes of M^rs^ Parnell Nowell & of m^r^ Samuel Nowell lying on y^e^ North of Dover bounds were surveyed & well bounded as followeth

m^rs^ Parnell Nowell her farme is bounded by Dover line on y^e^ South 456 pole by cocheco River west 376 pole perpendicular, by the wilderness north 456 pole, which line runes North 54 degre: eastward being a paralell line to dover line, bounded on y^e^ east by her son m^r^ Samuel Nowell, 376 pole which dividing line from Dover bounds runes North, 24 degres westward, the most northerly corner is a great pine marked with N: y^e^ most southerly bounds is a pine near cocheco River, marked N: D. y^e^ west corner is a pine by y^e^ River Side marked N. y^e^ east corner is a great claboord tree marked N: D: this containes one thousand acres all well bounded by markt trees.

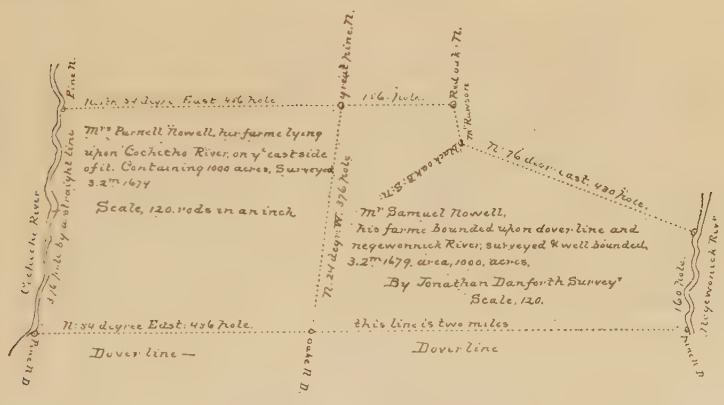
Also m^r^ Samuel Nowell his farme containing one thousand acres is bounded by Dover line Southward two miles long, the line runing South 54 degres westward and by Negewonnick River on y^e^ east half a mile, by his mother m^rs^ Parnell Nowell her farme on y^e^ west side 376 pole. the dividing line between them runes, N: twenty four degrees west, bounded by wilderness land northward 186 pole, and by m^r^ Rawson his farme 62 pole on y^e^ north east.

w^ch^ came to y^e^ most Southerly Corner of m^r^ Rawsons farme, to a black oake marked with B and from this black oake, it runes in a direct line to Negewonnick river as aforesaid. The most Southerly Corner is a great claboard tree marked: D: N: the west Corner is a great pine marked N: which pine stands about 20 pole westward of Schohomogocks Hill y^e^ most northerly bounds is a red oak marked N: which joyneth it to m^r^ Rawsons line on y^e^ west side of his farme, all which was surveyed and well bounded: 3. 2m. 1679: By us Jonathan Danforth Survey^r^
John Evens

A true platforme of y^e^ same is affixed to this Scadell

The magists Doe allow & Approove of this Returne their brethren the Deputyes hereto Consenting Edw Rawson Secret 30^d^ may 1679;

Consented to by the Deputyes William Torrey Cleric


Mr. Samuel Nowell, his farme bounded upon dover line and negewonnick River, surveyed & well bounded, 3.2m 1679. area, 1000. acres.
By Jonathan Danforth Survey
Scale, 120.
Dover line
this line is two miles
Dover line
Mr. Samuel Nowell, his farme lying upon Cochiche River, on y east side of it. Containing 1000 acres, Surveyed 3.2m 1674
Scale, 120. rods in an inch
Dover line

[Grant to Samuel Sewall.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 24, 1738.]

A Petition of *Samuel Sewall*, Esq; and others, Administrators on the Estate of their late honourable Father *Samuel Sewall* of *Boston*, Esq; deceased, and of *Jacob Sheafe* of Boston, aforesaid, Gent. shewing they are the legal Representatives of the Assigns of *Benjamin Whichcot* and *Rebecca* his Wife, deceased, to whom this Court on the 11*th* of *October*, A. D. 1670, at their second

Session, were pleased to Grant one thousand Acres of Land in any free Place, on Condition they gave the late *Massachusetts* Colony a Release and full Acquittance from all after Claims and Demands referring to the Grounds of a Petition delivered the said Court, which the Petitioners say was fulfilled in the Year 1671; and the said Grantees afterwards, *viz.* in 1672, laid out in the Province of New Hampshire, and is part of a Town there known by the Name of *Rochester*, that they are without any benefit of the Grant by reason of its being so laid out, without the Aid of this Court, praying for Relief by a new Tract of the unappropriated Lands in this Province being made them, to hold in equal Halves, to satisfy the first Grant, for the Reasons mentioned Read and *Ordered*, That this Petition be considered on Tuesday the twenty seventh currant.

[Mass. House Journal, June 2, 1739.]

A Petition of *Samuel Sewall*, Esq; and others, Administrators on the Estate of the late honourable *Samuel Sewall*, Esq; deceased, and of *Jacob Sheafe* of *Boston*, shewing they are the Representatives of the Assigns of *Benjamin Whitehcot* and *Rebecca* his Wife, deceased, who in the Year 1670, obtained a Grant of one thousand Acres of Lands in any free Place, on Condition of releasing to the late *Massachusetts* Colony all after Claims and Demands referring to the Grounds of a Petition delivered the said Court, which the Petitioners say was fulfilled *Anno* 1671, and the said Grant afterwards, *viz.*, *Anno* 1672, laid out in *New Hampshire* Province, and lays in a Town now called *Rochester*, that they shall intirely loose the Benefit of said Grant, without the Aid of this Court, praying for Relief, and that they may hold the Grant in equal Halves, as entred the 24*th* of *June*, and sixth of *December* last. Read and comitted to *Thomas Greaves*, *John Alden*, and *Ebenezer Pomroy*, Esqrs; to inquire into the Difficulties the Petitioners suggest, and report what may be proper for the Court to do on the Petition.

SALISBURY.

[Granted by Massachusetts, Feb. 3, 1736–7, and called *Baker's-town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Oct. 25, 1749, to Ebenezer Stevens and others, and called *Steven's-town*. Also called at times, *Gerrish-town* and *New Salisbury*. Incorporated as Salisbury, March 1, 1768. A tract of land from the east part of the town, with portions of Andover, Northfield, and Sanbornton, was erected into the town of Franklin Dec. 24, 1828. A part of Franklin was severed and annexed to Salisbury, July 7, 1869.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 753; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 381; Index to Laws, 486; Topographical and Historical Sketch, 3, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, p. 296; History, collated by John J. Dearborn, edited by James O. Adams and Henry P. Rolfe, 1890, pp. 888; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 602.]

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 3, 1734.]

A Petition of *John Tyler* and *Joseph Pike*, for themselves and sundry others; who enlisted themselves into the publick Service *Anno* 1690, in the Expedition against *Canada*, under the command of the late Sir WILLIAM PHIPPS, Knt. deceased, praying that in consideration of their services and difficulties they then underwent, they may obtain a Grant of Land of the contents of six miles square of the ungranted Lands of the Province on the east side of *Merrimack River*, southerly on *Rumford* Township, and to extend three miles east from the River, or some other suitable place for a Township for the reasons mentioned. Read and *Ordered*, That Col. *Chandler*, Col. *Kent*, Mr *Hale* Capt. *Hobson* Col. *Wainwright*, Col. *Church*, and Capt. *Wells* be a, Committee to take this Petition, and the other Petitions for Lands now before the Court under consideration, and report their opinion what may be proper to be done in aswer thereto.

[Mass. House Journal, April 17, 1735.]

Col. *Chandler* from the Committee for Lands, reported on the Petition of *John Tyler* and *Joseph Pike* for themselves and other *Canada* Soldiers *Anno* 1690, which was read and accepted, and in answer to this Petition, *Voted*, That a tract of Land of the con-

tents of six miles square be laid out for a Township on the further side of *Merrimack* River adjoining to the north side of *Rumford*, extending three miles from the River, the whole to be laid out into sixty three equal shares, one of which to be for the first settled Minister, one to be for the use of the Ministry, and one for the School, that on the other sixty shares there be sixty Settlers admitted, and that in the admission thereof preference be given to such Officers and Soldiers as were in the *Canada* Expedition *Anno* 1690, or to the Descendants of those that are deceased since; the Settlers to be admitted on the same terms and conditions as were made for settling the two new Towns on *Ashuelot*, and that at *Paquoiag*, excepting each Settler's paying *five pounds*, and that Col. *Richard Kent* and Capt. *John Hobson*, with such as the honourable Board shall appoint, be a Committee fully authorized and impowred to bring forward the Settlement of the Plantation, admit the Settlers, and return a Plat of the Township to this Court within twelve months for confirmation to the Grantees their heirs and assigns respectively.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, June 27, 1735.]

A Petition of *John Tyler* & *Joseph Pike*, for themselves and other *Canada* Soldiers *Anno* 1690, praying as entred the 17*th*. of *April* last & referred. Read again, and the House resumed the consideration of this Petition, and in answer thereto, *Voted*, That a Tract of Land of the contents of six miles square be laid out for a Township on the further side *Merrimack River*, adjoyning to the north side of *Rumford*, extending three miles from the River, the whole to be laid out into sixty three equal shares, one of which to be for the first settled Minister, one to be for the use of the Ministry, and one for the School, that on the other sixty shares there be sixty Settlers admitted, and that in the admission thereof preference to be given to such Officers & Soldiers as were in the *Canada* Expedition *Anno* 1690, or to the Descendants of those that are since deceased, the Settlers to be admitted on the same terms and conditions as were made for the two new Towns on *Ashuelot* and that at *Paquoiag*, excepting each Settlers paying *Five Pounds*, and that *Joseph Gerrish*, Esq; and Capt. *John Hobson*, with such as the honourable Board shall appoint be a Committee fully authorized and impowred to bring forward the Settlement of the Planta-

tion, admit the Settlers, and return a Plat of the Township to this Court within twelve months for confirmation to the Grantees their heirs and assigns respectively.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 3, 1736–7.]

A petition of John Tyler Joseph Pike and many others that were Either officers and Soldiers in the Canada Expedition Anno 1690, or the Descendants of such of them as are deceased, praying for a Grant of some of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province for a Township, in consideration of their Services aforesaid as well as for their Service in the late Indian Wars—

In the House of Represent[a] Read & *Ordered* that the petition be Revived, and Voted That two Tracts of the Unappropriated Lands of this Province, of the Contents of Six Miles Square, Each be and hereby are Granted to the pet[rs] of the Companys under the late Cap[t] John March Cap[t] Steph[n] Greenleaf and Cap[t] Philip Nelson dec'ed Anno 1690, their heirs & assignes Respectivly and the heirs Legal Represent[a] and Descendants of such of them as are deceased and their heirs and Assignes forever, for two townships to lay in Some Suitable place; That the Grantees be and hereby are Obliged to bring forward the Settlement of the said Townships, in as Regular a Manner, as the Situation and Circumstances of said Township will Admit of in the following Manner, viz[t] That each Grantee, his heirs and Assignes, build an house on his Respective Lot or Share of the Contents of Eighteen feet Square and Seven feet Stud at the least, and plow and bring to Grass fit for Mowing Six Acres of Land, and that they Settle in each Town a Learned Orthodox Minister, and build a Convenient Meeting house for the publick Worship of *God*, and that one Sixty third part of each of the said Townships be and hereby is Granted to the first settled Minister, the like Quantity for the use of the Ministry, and the like quantity for the use of the School, in all the Divisions of the said Townships; That the Grantees be and hereby are obliged to give a Bond of Twenty pounds for the Fulfillment of the Conditions aforesaid, within five Years after the Return and Confirmation of the plan of said Townships; And that Cap[t] John Hobson and Maj[r] Charles Pierce be a Com[tee] with such as the Hon[ble] Board shall join to lay out said Townships and to Return plats thereof within one Year for Confirmation and the said Committee to Observe

such Rules and directions for the taking of Bond and Admission of the Grantees, Agreeable to the Order of the Court in March last, and said Committee to Receive Thirty three pounds Sixteen shillings and Eight pence of the New projected Bills viz^{t} Sixteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence for Each of the said Townships out of the publick Treasury to enable them to lay out said Townships

In Council Read & Concurr'd and Thomas Berry Esq^{r} is Joined in the Affair—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Feb. 3, 1736–7.]

The Petition of *John Tyler Joseph Pike*, and others, *Canada* Officers and Soldiers *Anno* 1690, with the Vote of the House of the *9th.* of *December* last thereon, Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *February 3d* 1736. Read and concur'd with Amendments, *viz.* at C–dele–*a Tract*–and add–*two Tracts*, at D– after the Word–*square*–add–*each*–for–*is*–before the Word–*granted* add at O–*are*–at E.–for–*a Township*–insert *two Townships*–at A–after the Word–*settle*–add–*in each Town*–at H–after the Words–*sixty third Part*–add–*of each*–at I. K. L.–for *Township* insert–*Townships*–at N.–for–*a Plan*–add *Plats*–and *Thomas Berry*, Esq; is joined in the affair.

Sent down for Concurrence. Read and concur'd with the further Amendments, *viz.* dele the Words at O–*Fifty Pounds*–and add–*Thirty three Pounds six shillings and eight pence of the new projected Bills*, viz. *Sixteen Pounds thirteen shillings & four pence for each of the said Townships*–dele the last Word in the Vote at P–*Township* and insert *Townships*.

Sent up for Concurrence. and also,

The Petition of *John Platts*, *John Steward* and others, *Canada* Soldiers *Anno* 1690, with the Vote of the *9th* of *December* last thereon, Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *February 3d*, 1736. Read and nonconcur'd. Read.

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 10, and House Journal, Jan. 9, 1737–8.]

In the House of Represent^ves *Ordered* that Twelve months time more for returning Plats be allowed to the Grantees of the two Canada Townships granted by this Court and as Entered the ninth of December 1736 to the Companys under the command of the late Cpt. Nelson, Cpt March, and Cpt. Greenleaf and their lawful representatives, &c, and that the Committees for taking the Plats be and hereby are directed and required to take Surveys of the same by a Survey^r or Survey^rs with Chain men on oath, & return the same to this Court respectively within twelve months for confirmation accordingly.

In Council; Read and Concur'd
Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records and House Journal, Dec. 5, 1738.]

In the House of Represent^ves Whereas this Court hath received information that a Committee of theirs, namely Thomas Berry Charles Pierce and John Hobson Esq^rs appointed to lay out a Township of the contents of six miles square granted in February 1736 to John Tyler, Joseph Pike and others, officers and soldiers in the Canada Expedition, anno 1690 in the Companies late under the command of Cpt John March dec^d and Cpt. Stephen Greenleaf and the Representatives of such of them as are since deceased have fixed a station lately in order to the laying out their grant, on Merrimack River, between the Northerly Bounds of Contoocook Township or Plantation (so called) and Pemiggewasset River, and the Winter season advancing hath made it difficult for the Committee to finish the Survey; and for as much as the Grantees have been exposed to charges and trouble therein :—

Voted that they be allowed twelve months from this time to return their Plat, preference of the Land in order to satisty the grant being hereby allowed the Grantees to be taken from the said station, and that it be an instruction to the aforesaid Committee in proceeding to take a Plat of the granted Township to govern themselves accordingly.

In Council; Read and Concur'd
Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 24, and House Journal, Jan. 23, 1738–9.]

In the House of Represent^ves *Ordered* that Thomas Berry Esq^r be and hereby is impowered to assemble the Grantees of the Township granted to John Tyler, Joseph Pike and others Officers and Soldiers under the command of Cpt. Stephen Greenleaf and Philip Nelson in the Expedition to Canada Anno 1690, in such place and at such time as he shall think fit, then to chuse a Moderator and Proprietors Clerk, to agree upon Rules Methods and Orders for the Division and disposal in the most proper method for the speedy fulfilment of the Conditions of their grant, & agree upon Methods for the calling of future Meetings.

In Council; Read and Concur'd
Consented to J Belcher

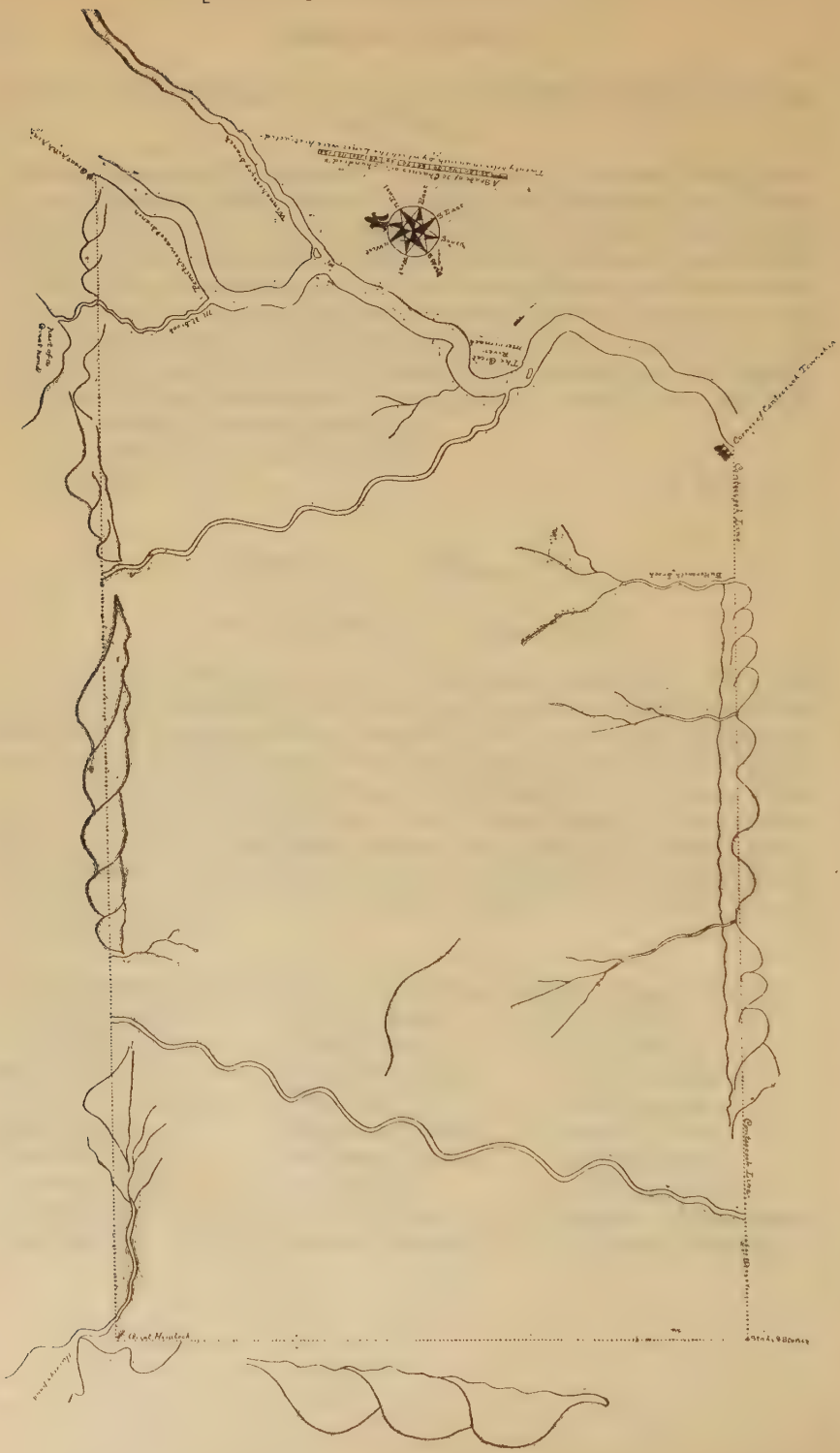
[*Proprietors of Salisbury, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 178.]

A list of the Propriators of the Township Granted to Pike and others officers and Soldiers in the expedition to Canada Anno 1690 under the Command of Cap^t John March Cap^t Stephen Greenleaf and Cap^t Philip Nelson and was laid Westerly of merrimack River and Northerly of and adjoyning to Contoocook by Richard Hazzen Surveyer at the Direction of the Honourable Thomas Berry Esq^r Charles Peirce & John Hobson Esq^rs October 23^d 1739 who were allowed and approved of by the Honourable Thomas Berry Esq^r Charles Peirce & John Hobson Esq^r Nov^r 30, 1739 and are as followeth Vizt—

Cap^t Stephen Greenleaf	Deacon Joshua Moody	Joseph Gould
Joseph Sage Ju^r	Elisha Sweat	John Kent
Caleb Moody	Nath^ll Clerk	John Thurlo
Joseph osgood	Samuel George	Hannah Bolton
Cap^t John Scargeant	Benj^a Hoeg	John Badger
Sam^l Smith Ju^r	Jonathan Marsh	Joseph Ilsley
Gideon Lowel	Stephen Chase	Joseph Short
Thomas Huse	John Lunt	Abraham Titcomb
Joseph Pike	James Brown	Stephen Longfellow
Stephen Longfellow	Samuel Bartlet 3^d	Nathaniel Bernard

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 34, p. 13.]



Cap^{t} Thomas Hale	Jeremiah Gutteridge	Cap^{t} Tho^{s} Wallingford
John March	Rev^{d} William Johnson	W^{m} Huse
Joseph Davis	Henry Dow	Sam^{l} Scargeant
Sam^{l} Silver	Robert Savory	Tristram Greenleaf
Eleazer Hudson	D^{r} Joseph Hills	Thomas Challis
Jonathan Blaisdall	James Toppon	Dan^{ll} Bradley
David Bartlet	Peter Ayers	Eleazer Johnson
Lazarus Goodwin	James Anderton	John Littlehale
Edward Emerson	Zechariah Beal	Cap^{t} John Sergeant
Percival Clark	Ebenezer Stuort	Joseph Holland

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 34, p. 13.]

By the Direction of the Hon^{rble} Thomas Berry Esq^{r} Charles Pierce and John Hobson Esq^{rs} a Committee &c I have Laid out a Township on the Northerly Side of Contookook Township & adjoyning on the Same which is butted & bounded as followeth viz^{t} at the Southeast corner with a great white Oak and Two white pines marked which is the Northeast Corner bounds of Contookook Township by Merrimack River, thence runing up Said River till it comes against y^{e} River coming out of Winnipisseog pond, & further up by the Side of the Westerly branch Commonly called Pemitchewasit in the whole about six miles & an half to a Large Pitch pine marked thence turning west about 15° South & runing Nine Miles to a Large Hemlock marked, thence turning at Right Angles & runing about four Miles and three quarters to a stake and stones by Contoocook Township, exactly One Hundred and fifty Two poles from the Northwest Corner bounds of it & thence to the first bounds which Line measures about Seven Miles all which is more perfectly described in the plan Above.—

Laid out October 29th 1739.—

℔^{r} Richard Hazzen Surveyor

N B. within the boundaries described in this Plann is the Contents of Six Miles Square, with the allowance of about five Hundred & Seventy one Acres for ponds &c.

R Hazzen Survey^{r}—

In the House of Rep^{tves} Dec^{r} 18th 1739 Read and Ordered that the Plat be accepted and the lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the Said Officers and Soldiers

under the Command of Cap^{t} John March Cap^{t} Stephen Greenleaf and Cap^{t} Philip Nelson to their Heirs and Assigns forever. Provided the Plat exceeds not the Quantity of the Grant and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence — J Quincy Sp^{kr}
In Council Jan 1. 1739
Read & Concur'd — J Willard Sec'ry
2 : Consented to — J Belcher
Exam^{d} & Approv^{d} — Eben^{r} Burrill

Essex ss. Rumford Oct^{r} 27, 1739

Then Richard Hazzen Surveyor Ebenezer Virgin Thomas Prince, as chainmen Were Severally Sworn That in Surveying the Township, Granted To Tyler, Pike and others officers & Soldiers in the Expedition To Canada Anno 1690 under the Command of Cap^{t} John March Cap^{t} Stephen Greenleaf and Cap^{t} Philip Nelson, they would Severally proceed, according to their Best Skill and Judgement therein.

Before Tho^{s} Berry J^{s} Peace

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 18, 1739.]

A Plat of a Township laid out by *Richard Hazzen* Surveyor, and two Chain-Men on Oath to satisfy a Grant of this Court to Tyler Pike and others, Officers and Soldiers in the Expedition to *Canada*, *Anno* 1690, under the Command of Capt. *John March*, Capt. *Stephen Greenleaf*, and Capt. *Philip Nelson*, on the northerly Side of *Contoocook* Township, and adjoining on the same, beginning at the South East Corner with a great white Oak, and two white Pines marked, which is the North East Corner Bounds of *Contoocook* Township by *Merimack River*, thence running up said River, till it comes against the River coming out of *Winnipesiog Pond* and further up by the side of the westerly Branch commonly called *Pemitchiwasset*, in the whole about six Miles and an half to a large Pitch Pine marked, thence running West about fifteen Degrees South and running nine Miles to a large Hemlock marked, thence running at right Angles, and running about four Miles and three Quarters, to a Stake and Stones by Contoocook Township exactly one hundred and fifty two Poles from the Northwest Corner Bounds of it, and thence to the first Bounds, which Line measures about seven Miles; all which is more perfectly described

in the said Plan. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said Officers and Soldiers under the Command of Capt. *John March*, Capt. *Stephen Greenleaf*, and Capt. *Philip Nelson*, and to their Heirs & Assigns for ever, provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of the Grant, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 1, 1739/40.]

A Plat of a Township laid out by Richard Hazzen Survey^{r} and Chain men upon Oath, to satisfy a grant made by this Court to the Officers and Soldiers in the Canada Expedition, under the command of Cpt John March, Cpt Stephen Greenleaf, & Cpt. Philip Nelson; lying on the Northerly side of Contookook Township and adjoining to the same, being bounded as follows viz^{t} At the South East Corner with a great White Oak and two white Pines marked, which is the North East Corner of said Contookook Township by Merrimack River; thence running up said River till it comes against the River that comes out of Winnepesaket Pond, and further up by the side of the Westerly branch commonly called Pemitchawasset, in the whole about six miles and an half to a large Pitch Pine marked; thence turning West, about 15 Deg. South, and running nine miles to a large Hemlock marked; thence turning at right Angles and running about four miles and three quarters to a Stake and Stones by Contookook Township, exactly one hundred and fifty poles from the North West Corner bounds of it, and thence to the first bounds; which Line measures about seven miles.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 10, 1739/40.]

Ordered, That *Thomas Berry*, Esq; be and hereby is impowred to assemble the Grantees of the Township lying on *Merrimack River* granted to the Officers and Soldiers in the Expedition to *Canada*, *Anno* 1690, under the Command of Capt. *John March*, Capt. *Stephen Greenleafe*, and Capt. *Philip Nelson*, in such Place and at such Time as he shall think fit, then to chuse a Moderator and Proprietors Clerk, to agree upon Rules Methods and Orders

for the division and disposal of the said Propriety in the most proper Methods for the speedy fulfilment of the Conditions of their Grant, and to agree upon Methods for the calling future Meetings.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 179.]

ordr for Colo Thos Berry to Call a meeting of Grantees of the Township Laid out Westerly of Merrimack River and Northerly of and adjoyning to Contoocook January 10, 1739—

In the House of Representatives January 9th 1739—

Ordered that Thomas Berry Esqr be and hereby is impowered to assemble the Grantees of the Township Lying on Merrimack River Granted to the Officers & Soldiers in the Expedition to Canada Anno: 1690— under the Command of Capt John March Capt Stephen Greenleaf and Capt Philip Nelson in Such Place and at Such time as he Shall think fit then to Chuse a Moderator and Proprietors Clark to agree uppon Rules Methods & orders for the Division and Disposall of Said Propriety in the most proper methods for the Speedy fullfillments of the Conditions of there Grant and to agree uppon methods for the Calling future meetings—

Sent up for Concurrence

Ebenezer Pumroy Spkr Pro tempore

In Councill January 10th 1739

Read and Concurred — Simon Frost Dept Secy

Consented to — Jonathan Belcher—

A true Copy Examined by — Simon Frost Dept Secy

Essex ss — Ipswich January 26th 1739

In obedience to the foregoing ordr I have Caused notifications to be Posted in the towns of Newbury Almsbury and Haverhill appointing the meeting to be February 12th 1739 at the House of mr Tristram Greenleaf in Newbury at ten of the Clock before noon.

Thomas Berry

February 14th 1765 The aforegoing Copys when Compared the with Original Book of the Proprietors Records & Agreed there with

by John Winslow one of the Committee

Samuel Gerrish Sworne

SHARON.

[Constituted from a part of Peterborough Slip, and incorporated June 24, 1791. Incorporation was petitioned for, May 27, 1777, but not granted. By an act passed July 5, 1867, the entire town was to be annexed to Peterborough, when the provisions of the act were adopted by a majority of voters in both towns. This has not yet been done.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes: XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 547; Index to Laws, 500; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 670.]

[*Grant to Jeremiah Allen.*]

[Mass. House Journal, Feb. 3, 1736–7.]

Ordered, That five hundred Acres of the unappropriated Lands of the Province, adjoining to some former Grant or Township, be and hereby is given and granted to *Jeremiah Allen*, Esq; late Treasurer and Receiver General of this Province, his Heirs and Assigns, in full Consideration of his long, good, and faithful Services in the Treasury, and that he be allowed and impowred by a Surveyor and Chain Men on Oath, to survey the same, and return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 19, 1738.]

A Petition of *Jeremiah Allen*, Esq; late Treasurer of this Province, praying the Justice of this Court in Consideration of his Services, and that a Grant of some of the unappropriated Lands of the Province may be made him, for the Reasons therein mentioned. Read and referred to the next *May* Session for further Consideration.

[*Petition of Jeremiah Allen for Grant of Land, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 101, p. 622.]

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq^{r} Governour and Commander in Chief The Honourable His Majesties Council and The

Honourable House of Representatives The Memorial of Jeremiah Allen Esq^{r} Sheweth

That Your Memorialist had y^{e} Honour of being Twenty Three Years successively, Elected Treasurer of this Province. And that He served his Country in that Hon^{ble} Office Twenty Two Years, as he humbly hopes, to Their general Satisfaction, in which Time, he chearfully performed many Publick Services, not belonging to y^{e} Duty of a Treasurer; Too numerous to trouble Your Excell^{cy} & Your Honours with a Repetition of And for which, he has as yet received no Gratuity. Your Memorialist would beg leave to mention one perticular Service, among y^{e} many, he did his Country, which was; The advancing several Thousand Pounds without any y^{e} least View of Profitt (althoô Your Mem^{osts} Estate was subject for y^{e} Repayment of said Money) to support y^{e} Government, during y^{e} Dispute about supplying y^{e} Treasury whereby, not only, His Maj^{tys} Garrisons were maintained to y^{e} great Security of y^{e} Publick in all Regards; But also many Oppressions were prevented, which, otherwise, y^{e} poor Creditors of y^{e} Province must have sufered, had Your Mem^{o} denied his Assistance, when Asked.

The Hon^{ble} House of Representatives Anno 1736 at Their Sessions in Nov^{r} were pleased, not only to Grant Your Mem^{o} his Salary for Six Months after he was Negatived by Your Excell^{cy}, all which Time, he was Employed in y^{e} Publick Service, but also as a Mark of their Approbation of his past Services, to make him a Grant of some of y^{e} Unappropriated Lands of y^{e} Province, althô by y^{e} Same not passing through y^{e} Whole Court, Your Mem^{o} lost y^{e} Benefitt of that Hon^{ble} Houses Justice & Generosity.

Wherefore Your Memorialist hopes from Your Excell^{cys} & Your Honours known Justice, That You will be pleased, to allow him his Salary for y^{e} Six Months, he was Employed in y^{e} Publick Service, as also to make him a Grant of some of y^{e} Unappropriated Lands of y^{e} Province. And Your Memorialists shall Ever pray—

Boston Jan^{ry} 18th 1738/9 Jer. Allen

In the House of Rep^{tives} Jan^{ry} 19–1738

Read & Referred to y^{e} Next May sessions for further Consideration Sent up for Concurrence

J Quincy Sp^{kr}

In Council January 19, 1738.

Read & Concur'd Simon Frost Dep^{t} Sec^{ry}

22: Consented to, J Belcher

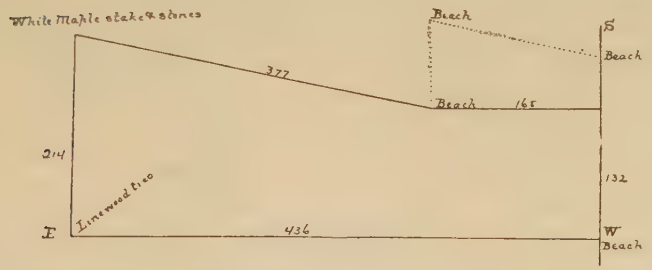
In the House of Representatives July 5th 1739. Read & in

Answer to this Memorial Ordered That the sum of seventy pounds in Bills of the New tenor be granted & allowed to be paid out of the publick treasury to Jeremiah Allen Esq[r] late Treasurer of this province in full satisfaction for his Services therein

And as a mark of the approbation of this Court, and as a Gratuity to him for his faithfulness therein Voted that Five Hundred Acres of the Unappropriated Lands of the province be and hereby is given & granted to the said Jeremiah Allen Esq[r] his Heirs & Assigns, and that Accordingly he be allowed and impowred by a surveyor & Chain men on Oath to survey and lay out the same Adjoining to some former Grant, and that he return a plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation

Sent up for Concurrence — J Quincy Sp[kr]
In Council July 5[th] 1739
Read & Concur'd — Simon Frost Dep[t] Sec[ry]
6: Consented to, — J Belcher

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 46, p. 95.]



[Mass. Archives, Vol. 46, p. 95, and Court Records, Vol. 17, Misc. p. 121.

September 1739 Then Surveyd And Laid out Five Hundred Acres in the unappropriated Lands of this Province to satisfie A Grant of the Greait And General Court Made to Jeremiah Allen Esq[r] July 1739 And is Laid Adjoining to A New township Called Peters Burrer And Bounds North upon it and it begins att two small Beaches on the Road that Leads to sd Peters Burrer Att the Corner of A Lot No: 1, the North West Corner of the

Farm And From thence itt Runs East on the Town line Four Hundred And Thirty six Rods to A Line Wood tree Marked And Cornerd the North East Corner And from thence itt Runs South By a Line of Marked trees on unappropriated Land Two hundred and Fourteen Rods to A White Maple stake and stones marked and Cornerd the South East Corner And From thence itt Runs North seventy two Degrees West by a line of Marked trees on a pich Maid for M^r^ Reed two hundred and Forty Rods And two hundred and Forty Rods on A Pich Maid for Robert Auchmuty Esq^r^ and Ninety seven Rods on Cp^t^ Bedgoods Farm to A beach Marked And Cornered And From thence itt Runs West one Hundred And sixty Eaight Rods to the South West Corner And From thence itt Runs North By A line of Marked Trees One hundred And thirty two Rods to the First Mentioned Corner in the Lines Above Discribed thare is Twenty Nine Acres A Lowed for sag of Chain

℔ Joseph Wilder Jun^r^ surveyor

In the House of Repr^ves^ Oct^r^ 4, 1739 Read and Ordered that the within Platt be accepted and the lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the Said Jeremiah Allen His Heirs and Assigns Provided the Platt exceeds not the Quantity of the Grant and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for concurrence — J. Quincy Sp^kr^

In Council; October 5, 1739

Read & Concur'd — Simon Frost Dep^t^ Sec^ry^

9: Consented to — J Belcher

Exam^d^ & Aprov^d^ — Eben^r^ Burrill

Worcester ss — Lunenburg September the 28^th^ 1739

Then Joseph Wilder Ju^r^ Survayer and David Johnson and William Sevens Chainman personally appeared and made oath that in the Survaying and measuring of the five hundred acres of Land Exhibited by the above plan they had truly and faithfully performed their Respective trust Reposed in them

Sworn Before me — Edward Hartwell Justice of the peace

[Mass. House Journal, Oct. 4, 1739.]

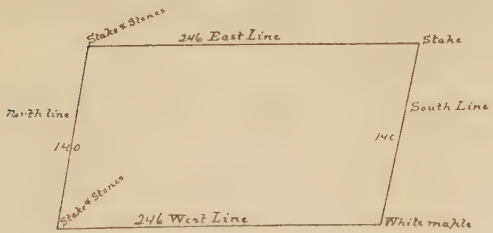
A Plat of two hundred Acres of Land surveyed and laid out by *Joseph Wilder*, jun. and two Chain Men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court, as entred the 5*th* of *July* last to *Jeremiah*

Allen, Esq; adjoining to a new Township called *Peterborough*, and bounds North upon it, beginning at two small Beaches on the Road that leads to *Peterborough* at the Corner of a Lot Numb. *one*, the North West Corner of the Farm, and from thence it runs East on the Town Line four hundred and thirty six Rods to a Tree marked and corner'd the North East Corner, and from thence it runs South by a Line of marked Trees on unappropriated Land two hundred and fourteen Rods to a White Maple Stake and Stones marked and corner'd the South East Corner, and from thence it runs North seventy two Degrees West by a Line of Marked Trees on a Pitch made for Mr. *Read* two hundred and forty Rods, and two hundred and forty Rods on a Pitch made for Mr. *Auchmuty*, and ninety seven Rods on Capt. *Bedgood's* Farm to a Beach marked and cornered, and from thence it runs West one hundred and sixty eight Rods to the South West Corner, and from thence it runs North by a Line of marked Trees one hundred and thirty two Rods to the first mentioned Corner in the Lines above described, there are twenty nine Acres allowed for swag of Chain, was presented for Allowance, Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said *Jeremiah Allen*, his Heirs and Assigns, provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of the Grant, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Grant to John Read.]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 46, p. 102.]



September 1739 Then Surveid And Laid out. Two hundred Acres in y^e^ unappropriated Lands of this Province to Satisfi A

Grant of the Grait And General Court Maid to John Read Esq^{r} of Boston on December 9th 1738 And is Laid Adjoining to A Grant of Land Made & Laid out to Robert Actmute Esqr of Boston Containing Two hundred Acres And Bounds West on itt itt began att a stake And stones the South West Corner And from thence itt Runs North by a line of Marked trees Two hundred And fourty Rods to A stake and stones the North West Corner And from thence Itt Runs South Seventy two Degrees East One hundred and Fourty Rods By A line of Marked trees to A stake And stones the North East corner and from thence it Runs South two hundred And fourty rods By A line of Marked trees to the South East Corner and from thence it Runs strait to the fust mentioned Corner One hundred And forty six Rods in the Lines A Bove Discribed thare is ten ACres Allowed for Sag of Chaine.

℔ Joseph Wilder Jun^{r} Surveyor

In the House of Rep^{tves} Dec^{r} 8th 1739. Read and Ordered that the within Plat be accepted and the lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said John Read Esq^{r} His Heirs and Assigns. Provided the Plat exceeds not the Quantity of the Grant and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence — J Quincy Sp^{kr}
In Council Decem^{r} 12. 1739
Read & Concurr^{d} — Simon Frost Dep^{t} Sec^{ry}
Exam^{d} & Approv^{d} — Eben^{r} Burrill
26 Consented to — J Belcher

Mr Welders Survey of 200 acres of land granted to John Read in 1738.

A Platt of 200 Acres of land to John Read Esq^{r} Read and ordered to lie on the Table Decem^{b} 26 1739

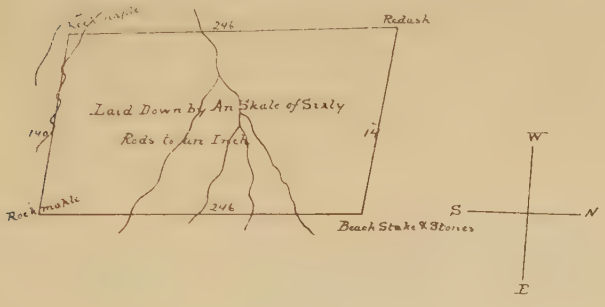
Worcester ss Lunonburg September the 28th 1739

Then Joseph Wilder Ju^{r} Survayer David Johnson and William Stvens Chain men personally appeared and made oath that in their survaying and measuring two hundred acres of the unappropriated Lands in this province to Satisfy a Grant Lately made to John Reed Esq^{r} of Boston Esq^{r} that they had faithfully and Impartially performed their Respective trust according to the Best of their Skill and Judgement

Before me Edward Hartwell Justice of Peace

[Grant to Robert Auchmuty.]

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 32, p. 3.]



[Mass. Archives, Vol. 46, p. 97, Maps and Plans, Vol. 32, p. 3, and Court Records, Vol. 17, Misc. p. 122.]

August 1739 Then Laid outt Two Hundred Acres In the Unappropriated Land of this Provence to Satisfie a Grant of the Great and General Court Made to Robert Auchmudy Esq^{r} On the Twenty ninth Day of November 1738: It is Laid Adjoyning to New Ipswich North Line It begins att a Red ash Tree. The North West Corner And from thence It Runs North Seventy Eaght Degrees East By a line of marked trees One Hundred and forty Rods on unappropriated Land to a Stake and Heap of Stones the North East Corner and from thence It Runs South By a line of Marked trees on unappropriated Land Two Hundred And Forty six Rods to a White Maple Standing in New ipswich North Line Marked for the South East Corner of the Farm And from Thence it Runs South Seventy Eaght Degrees West one Hundred and Forty Rods By a line of Marked trees With New Ipswich line to a White Maple the South West Corner and from thence itt Runs North By a line of Marked trees on G Bedgoods Farm Two Hundred And forty Six Rods to the ash Where itt Began in the lines A Bove Describ^{d}, there is ten Acres Alowed for sag of Chane

℔ Joseph Wilder Ju^{r} Surveyor

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 46, p. 97.]

Worcester ss Sept y^e^ 3^d^ 1739 Then y^e^ afore named Joseph Wilder appearing made oath that in y^e^ Sirveying of the above Track of Land Hee faithfully and Impartially performed the Service of Surveyer according to y^e^ Best of His Skil and Judgment David Johnson and William Scott also and made oath that they faith fuly performed y^e^ Service of Chane men and that with out Either favor or affection

Before me Joseph Wilder Justice of y^e^ Peace

In the House of Repr^ves^ September 27^th^ 1739

Read and ordered that the within Platt be accepted and the lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed unto the Said Robert Auchmuty his Heirs and Assigns. Provided the Platt exceeds not the Quantity of the Grant and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for concurrence J Quincy Sp^kr^
In Council October 3^d^ 1739
Read & Concurd Simon Frost Dep^t^ Sec^ry^
Consented to J Belcher

[Grant to Jeffry Bedgood.]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 46, p. 93.]

Order on the petition of Jeffry Bedgood of Boston Marriner—

In the House of Representatives December 5^th^ 1738 Read and ordered That the prayer of the above petition be Granted, and the first petition within written is revived & in Answer thereto Voted That Three hundred Acres of the unappropriated lands of the province be and are Given and Granted to the petr Capt Jeffry Bedgood his heirs & assigns in full Satisfaction of his Services Expence & trouble within mentioned, and that he return a plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for Confirmation—

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^kr^
In Council Decr 5^th^ 1738
Read & Concurrd J Willard Sec'ry
Consented to J Belcher
A true Copy Examd℔ Simon Frost Dep^t^ Sec^ry^

May the 24th 1739 Then Survayed and Laid out a peice of Land Containing three Hundred Acres in the Unapropriated Lands of this Province to Sattisfie a Grant of the Great and General Court made to Capt Jeffery Bedgood of Boston Marrinor December ye 5th 1738 which lyeth ajoyning to a Township Called New Ipswich. It begins at ye north Corner of Said Township; and is the South-west Corner of this Farme, at a Great Hemlock tree Marked and Cornered and from thence it Runs North by a line of mark'd trees one Hundred and Seventy Rods to a beach tree Marked and Cornered and from thence it Runs South Seventy Eight Degrees East by a line of mark trees one Hundred and Seventy Rods to a beach tree Marked and Cornered, and from thence it Runs north by a line of Marked trees ninty Rods to a beach tree Marked and Cornered, and from thence it Runs South Seventy Eight degrees East by a line of Marked trees Ninty Seven Rods to a Red Ash ye north East Corner marked and Cornered and from thence it Runs South by a line of marked trees two Hundred and fifty Eight Rods to a White Maple Marked and Cornered being the South East Corner and from thence It Runs North Seventy Eight degrees west by a line of Mark trees on said Ipswich line to the Great Hemlock where it began, there is alowed in the above said Plan fifteen acres for Sagg of Chane

℔ Joseph Wilder Juner Surveyer

May ye 30th 1739 Then the aforenamed Joseph Wilder appearing before me the Subscriber made oath that in Surveying the farme above Described he faithfully performed the Service of a Surveyer and that with out favor or affection according to the best of His Scil & Judgment

Joseph Wilder Justice of ye Peace

Worcester ss Lunenburg may the 25th 1739

Then personeelly appeared William Scott and William Carlyl and made oath that in the measuring the several Lines of the above Discribed plat of Land they had truly and faithfully performed the duty of Chainmen according to the best of their skill and understanding

sworn before me Edward Hartwell Justice of the peace

In the House of Representatives June 20th 1739, Read and Ordered That the plat be Accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be & hereby are confirmed to the said Jeffry Bedgood his heirs & assigns forever, provided that the plat exceeds

not the quantity of Three hundred Acres of Land & does not interfere with any former Grant the swag of Chain within mentioned allowed

sent up for Concurrence — J Quincy Sp^kr
In Council June 26 1739
Read and Concurr'd — J Willard Sec'ry
27 : Consented to — J Belcher
Exam^d & Approv^d — Eben^r Burrill

SULLIVAN.

[Constituted from portions of Keene, Gilsum, Stoddard, and Nelson, and incorporated Sept. 27, 1787. Named in honor of Gen. John Sullivan. A portion of Keene was annexed to Sullivan, Jan. 10, 1794. A few acres of land were severed and annexed to Gilsum July 7, 1874.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 490; Index to Laws, 528; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 340.]

[Grant to Aaron Denio.]

[Mass. House Journal, Nov. 28, 1735.]

On the Petition of *Aaron Denio* of *Deerfield*, who was Captivated when that Town was taken by the Indian Enemy *Anno* 1702, and carried to *Canada*, which was read and accepted, and in answer to the Petition, *Voted*, That two hundred acres of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province in the County of *Hampshire*, be and hereby is granted to the Petitioner his heirs and assigns, in consideration of the misfortunes and sufferings within mentioned, certified by *Joseph Kellogg* and *Thomas Wells*, Esqrs; that the Petitioner or his Assigns be obliged to bring forward a Settlement on the Lands within three years by building an House thereon of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least, and plowing and bringing too and fit for mowing or planting six acres at least of the granted Premisses, and have a family dwelling on said Land in said House; and that he return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 3, 1736.]

The Petition of *Aaron Denio* of *Deerfield*, Captivated by the Indian Enemy *Anno* 1702, as entred the 28*th*. of *November* last, Read, and in answer to the Petition, *Voted*, That two hundred acres of the unappropriated Lands of the Province in the County of *Hampshire*, be and hereby is given and granted to the Petitioner his Heirs and Assigns, in consideration of the Misfortunes & Sufferings within mentioned, Certified by *Joseph Kellogg* & *Thomas Wells*, Esqrs; that the Petitioner or his Assigns be obliged to bring forward a Settlement on the Lands within three Years, by building an House thereon of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least, and plowing and bringing to and fit for mowing or planting six acres at least of the granted Premisses, and have a Family dwelling on said Land in said House, and that he return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for Confirmation accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 23, and House Journal, June 21, 1738.]

A Plat of Two Hundred Acres of Land laid out by Seth Field Survey^r^ and Chain men on Oath, to fulfill a grant of this Court to Aaron Denio; Beginning at a Hemlock Tree five rods to the Westward of the North East corner of the Upper Ashuelet Township, marked S. F. E F. J N. ⚷ ; thence running North 20°.00′ East two hundred and forty rods to a Beach Tree mark'd ⚷ S F. J N. then running East 20°.00′ South one hundred and thirty four rods to a Beach Tree mark'd as the last; then South 20°.00′ West, two hundred and forty rods to a Poplar Tree mark'd ⚷ J N. then West 20°.00′ North, to the first Station.

In the House of Represent^ves^ Read and *Ordered* that the Plat be accepted, and the lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the said Aaron Denio his Heirs and Assigns he or they complying with and fulfilling the conditions of the Grant effectually: Provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of Two Hundred Acres of land, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

In Council; Read and Concur'd

Consented to J Belcher

SWANZEY.

[Granted by Massachusetts, April 20, 1733, to Nathaniel Hammond and others, and known as *Lower Ashuelot*. Incorporated as Swanzey, July 2, 1753. Named from Swanzey, Mass. A triangular tract of land was severed from Richmond and annexed to Swanzey, Dec. 11, 1762. A portion of the northeast section was severed and annexed to Marlborough, Jan. 8, 1794. Thomas Thompson and Thomas Thompson, Jr., with their estates, were set off and annexed to Keene, Dec. 10, 1812. A tract was taken off and combined with portions of other towns to make up the town of Troy, June 23, 1815. A small tract was severed and annexed to Marlborough, Dec. 15, 1842.

See New Hampshire charters following: IX, Bouton Town Papers, 785; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 520; Index to Laws, 533; historical sketch, by Benjamin Read, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 375; History, by Benjamin Read, 1892, pp. 586; as to relations of the town to the Vermont controversy, see Read's history, pp. 67, 68, and 72.]

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 8, p. 19.]

A Plat of a Sartain tract of Land Called the loer township on ashowelet in the countey of hampshire in the province of the Massachusets Bay in new england laid out by order of the General Cort to gether with the house lots in number 63 y^t^ 6 acres a piece in Each lot Protrackted by a Scale of one hundred perch to ane inch. Surveyed by the neadle of the instrument hoase lots laid out

May the 16 1734 ℔ Nathanael Dwight Surveyer

In the House of Representatives June 15 1734 Read and ordered that this plat with the House lots therein protracted & described be accepted Sent up for Concurrence

J Quincy Sp^kr^

In Council June 18 1734 Read & concurred

Thad Mason Dep^t^ Sec

22 Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, June 15, 1734.]

The Plat of the lower Township at *Ashuelot* with the House Lots therein, delineated, described and protracted by *Nathanael Dwight*, Surveyor. Read and accepted. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 259.]

Febʳʸ 27 : 1737/8

Seth Field Surveyor, Hezekiah Stratton & Gains Field Chainmen under yᵉ Aforesᵈ Surveyor Personally Appearing made oath faithfully & truly according to their best Skill & understanding to run and measure yᵉ Line from yᵉ Lower end of merries Medow to Arlington North West Corner & from thence East twelve Degrees South on Arlington North Line

befor me Joseph Kellogg Juˢᵗ Peace

[Mass. House Journal, June 16, 1738.]

A Plat of the Town of *Hatfield*, and a Plat of the Town of *Deerfield*, both in the County of *Hampshire*, were presented for Confirmation. And also

Another Plat of the *Lower Ashuelot* Township, so called, accompanying a Memorial of Capt. *Nathanael Hammond* & *Ephraim Jones*, in behalf of the Proprietors of said Township, shewing that the Township of *Arlington*, so called, greatly interferes with the Lands set forth in the Memorialists Plat, praying the Consideration of the Court, that Equity and Justice may be done thereon All read, and *Ordered*, That Col. *Prescot*, Col. *Chandler*, and Capt. *Hobson*, be a Committee to inquire into and consider of the Said Plats and Memorial, and Report what may be proper for the Court to do thereon respectively.

[*Report of Committee on Swanzey Petition, 1738.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 259.]

The Comᵗᵉᵉ On The Petition of Nathaniel Hammond & Ephraim Jones In behalf of yᵉ proprietors of yᵉ Township Called the Lower Ashuelot, having considered the Same And heard the Petitioners thereon find that part of yᵉ Land included in the Plat of Sᵈ Township Taken by order of yᵉ Comᵗᵉᵉ Appointed for that purpose and accepted by this Court is within the Bounds and Plat of Arlington Township Confirmed Some Time before but it not being Duly

Certifyed that y^e^ Surveyor & Chain men Imployed in y^e^ measure and Survey thereof were under Oath Are of Opinion That a Com^tee^ of this Court be appointed at y^e^ Charge of y^e^ Petitioners (by a Surveyor and Chain men on oath) to take a True Survey of y^e^ Land included within y^e^ bounds of Arlington as afores^d^ and Lay out in A Reguler form an equivalent thereto Adjoyning to said Township if y^e^ Land will allow thereof or otherwise in Some of y^e^ unappropriated Land of y^e^ Province Adjoyning to some Township and Return a plat thereof to this Court within Twelve months for Confirmation to y^e^ Said Proprietors, which is humbly Submitted

In the name And by order of y^e^ Com^tee^

June 20^th^ 1738 Benj^a^ Prescott

20^th^ Acceptd & Col^o^ prescot & Cap^t^ Hobson with such be a Com^tee^ for the purpose &c sent up &c

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[Mass. House Journal, June 20, 1738.]

Col. *Prescot* from the Committee appointed on the Petition of Capt. *Nathanael Hammond* and *Ephraim Jones*, in behalf of the Proprietors of the *Lower Ashuelot* Township, praying for Relief on Account of the enterfering of *Arlington* Township so called, with the said Proprietors Town, which was read and accepted; and for as much as Part of the Land included in the Plat of the said *Ashuelot* Township taken by Order of this Court is within the Bounds and Plat of *Arlington* Township, confirmed some time before, but it not being duly certified that the Surveyor and Chain Men employed in the Measure and survey thereof were under Oath, *Ordered*, That *Benjamin Prescot*, and *John Hobson* Esqrs; with such as the honourable Board shall join, be a Committee at the Petitioners Charge, by a Surveyor and Chain Men on Oath, to take a true Survey of the Land included within *Arlington* Bounds as aforesaid, and lay out into a regular Farm an equivalent thereto adjoining to said Township, if the Land will allow thereof, or otherwise in some of the unappropriated Land of the Province adjoining to some Township, and return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation to the said Proprietors.

Sent up for Concurrance.

[Mass. House Journal, June 21, 1738.]

Jacob Wendell, Esq; brought down the Petition of Capt. *Nathanael Hammond* and *Ephraim Jones*, in behalf of the *Lower Ashuelot* Township, with the Vote of the House of the twentieth currant thereon. Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *June 21st* 1738. Read and concur'd, and *John Stoddard*, Esq; is joined in the Affair, and that any two of the Committee be a Quorum.

Sent down for Concurrence. Read and concur'd.

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 254, and Court Records, June 21, 1738.]

In the House of Rep^ves June 20^th 1738

Read and forasmuch as part of the Land included in the plat of the said Ashuelot township taken by order of the Court is within the bounds and plat of the township, confirmed some time before to Josiah Willard Esq^r & others, but it not being duly certified that the surveyor & Chain Men employed in the Measure & survey thereof were under Oath Ordered that Benjamin Prescot and John Hobson with such as the honorable board shall joine be a Committee at the petitioners Charge by a surveyor & Chain Men on Oath to take a true survey of the Land included within the bounds of said Township last mentioned as aforesaid; and lay out into a regular fform an Equivalent thereto Adjoining to said township, if the Land will allow thereof, or otherwise in some of the unappropriated land of the province adjoining to some township, and return a plat thereof to this Court within twelve Months for Confirmation to the said proprietors.

Sent up for Concurrence. J Quincy Sp^kr

In Council; June 21, 1738; Read & Concur'd, And John Stoddard Esq^r is joined in the Affair, And that any two of the Committee be a Quorum.

Sent down for Concurrence J Willard Sec'ry.

In the House of Rep^ves June 21^t 1738

Read and Concurd J. Quincy Sp^kr

28: Consented to, J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 1, 1738–9.]

On a Motion made and seconded by divers Members, *Ordered*, That *Charles Peirce*, Esq; be added to the Committee on the Petition of Messieurs *Hammond* and *Jones*, in behalf of the Proprietors of the *Lower-Ashuelot* Township, praying for relief on Account of the interfering of *Arlington* Township so called, with the Petitioners, appointed the last Session of the Court; *Benjamin Prescot*, Esq; one of the said Committee being since deceased.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 260, and Court Records Jan. 5, 1738–9.]

In the House of Rep^ves Jan^ry 1^st 1738

On a Motion made and seconded by divers Members Ordered that Charles peirce Esq^r be Added to the Committee on the petition of Mess^rs Hammond and Jones in behalf of the proprietors of the lower Ashuelot township praying for relief on Account of the interfering of Arlington township so called with the petitioners township, appointed the last Session of the Court, Benjamin prescot Esq^r one of the said Committee being Since deceased.

Sent up for Concurrence J. Quincy Sp^kr

In Council January 5, 1738.

Read & Concur'd. And Thomas Berry Esq^r is added to the Said Committee in the Room of John Stoddard Esq^r who has excused himself from that Service.

Sent down for Concurrence Simon Frost D. Sec^ry

In the House of Rep^ve Jan^y 5 1738

Read & Concurd. J. Quincy Sp^kr

8: Consented to J Belcher

[*Report of Committee on Disputed Territory, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 440.]

The Committee Appointed to take a Survey of the Lands included in the Bounds of the Lower Ashuelot, that Lyes within the Township of Earlington so Called now Winchester and Lay out an Equivalent thereto, Have attended the said Service Carefully

Viewed the Lands and Caused the same to be Measured and find it Contains 3141 Acres and as an Equivalent therefor have caused to be Laid out 9423 Acres adjoyning to said Ashuelot Township a plan whereof is herewith Exhibited.

all which is humbly Submitted
in the Name and by order of the Committee
Boston July 6th 1738 Thomas Berry—

In Council July 6, 1739
Read & Send down Simon Frost Dept Secry

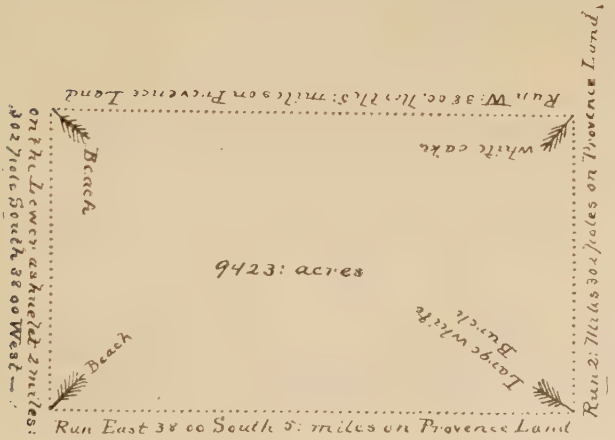
In the House of Repves July 6th 1739 Read & the Question was put whither the plat shall be Acceptd
It passed in the Negative

Mass: ss. April 20 1739
Then John Stevens as Surveyor, Jeremiah Hall and Seth Heaton, as Chainmen made Solemn Oath that in Surveying the Lands included in the Plat of the Lower Ashuelot that Lyes within the Township of Earlington so Called, and in Surveying and Laying Out an Equivalent therefor they would Severally Act according to their Best Skill and Judgement therein

Before Thomas Berry J Pacis

[Description of Equivalent Land, 1739.]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 441.]


Run W: 38 oo: N: 11 ½: miles on Province Land
White oake
Beach
9423: acres
Beach
Run East 38 oo South 5: miles on Provence Land
Run 2: Miles 30 Rodes on Provence Land,

This Plot Contains Nine thousand four hundred and Twenty three acres of Land and was Laid out by the order of Thomas Berry Esq^{r} and others In Considerration of Three thousand and one hundred and forty one acres of Land Taken out of the Lower Ashuelet by Earlington line and Bounded as folows—(viz)—Begining at A Beach Tree marked In the line of Said Lower Ashuelet about Three miles and forty Pole from the North East Corner and Run East: 38 Degrees South: 5 miles To a Large white Burch and from thence Run North 38 East Two Miles Three hundred and Two pole To a White Oake Corner from thence Run West 38, Degrees North five miles To the line of ashuelet afore Said To a Beach Tree a bout Sixty Pole from the Corner of Said Town Then on Said Town line To the Corner whear it first Begun with the Common Allowance of aboute Twelve Chains To a mile for Sagg of Chain—

Surveyed Aprile 1739 ❦ John Stevens Surveyer

TEMPLE.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, June 30, 1750, as *Peterborough Slip*, also known as *Sliptown*, which included the town of Sharon. Incorporated as Temple, Aug. 26, 1768. Named in honor of John Temple. A dispute about a strip of land between this town and New Ipswich, terminated in favor of Temple. "Borland's Farm" was annexed Jan. 12, 1781. A portion of Peterborough was annexed to Temple, Jan. 29, 1789. A large tract was severed from Lyndeborough and annexed to Temple June 11, 1796.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 547; Index to Laws, 540; historical sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 672.]

[Grant to Tyng, Nelson, and Alden.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 9, 1736.]

The Petition of *Edward Tyng* of *Boston*, Merchant, *Temple Nelson*, and *Nathanael Alden* of *Boston*, for themselves and others, the heirs of Col. *Edward Tyng* deceased, John Nelson, Esq; deceased, and Capt. *John Alden*, deceased, praying the consideration of the Court for the deceased's extraordinary services and sufferings, they having suffered a long and tedious Captivity in *France*, the said Col. *Tyng* dying in a Dungeon there, as entred

the 26*th* of *March* last, and the 4*th*, currant. Read again, and the subject matter there of being duly considered, *Voted*, that twelve hundred acres of the unappropriated Lands of the Province be and hereby is granted to the Petitioners their heirs and assigns respectively, that is to say, to the heirs of the said Col. *Tyng*, deceased, and their assigns four hundred acres part thereof; to the heirs of the said *John Nelson*, Esq; deceased, and their assigns, four hundred acres part thereof; and to the heirs of the said *John Alden* deceased, and their assigns, the residue and remainder thereof; and that the Petitioners be allowed and impowred to return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 22, 1736.]

The Petition of *Edward Tyng* of *Boston*, Merchant, and others, praying the Consideration of the Court on account of the Services and Sufferings of *Edward Tyng*, Esq; *John Nelson* Esq; and Capt. *John Alden*, all of *Boston*, with the Vote of the House of the ninth of *June* last thereon. Read again, and in answer to the Petition, *Voted*, That two thousand one hundred Acres of the unappropriated Lands of the Province lying West of *Salem Canada* Town, and Northerly of *Ipswich* new Township, be and hereby is granted to the Petitioners the Heirs and legal Representatives of the within named *Edward Tyng* Esq; *John Nelson*, Esq; and Capt. *John Alden*, deceased, and that they be allowed and impowred by a Surveyor and two Chain-men under Oath to take a Plat thereof, and return the same to this Court within twelve months for confirmation to the said Petitioners, to be held in three equal Parts by them, *viz.* seven hundred Acres to the Heirs and legal Representatives of the said *Edward Tyng*, Esq; and the like quantity to the Heirs and legal Representatives of the said *John Nelson*, Esq; and the residue of the Grant to the Heirs and legal Representatives of the said *John Alden*, deceased.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 12, 1736–7.]

The Petition of *Edward Tyng* of *Boston*, and others, the Heirs of Col. *Edward Tyng*, *John Nelson*, Esq; and Capt. *John Alden*,

all of *Boston*, deceased, with the Vote of the House of the 22*d* ult. thereon, Pass'd in Council *viz.* In Council *January* 12*th* 1736. Read and concur'd with the Amendments, *viz.* dele at A–*two thousand one hundred*–and add–*one thousand two hundred*–dele at B–*seven hundred*–and add–*four hundred*. Sent down for Concurrence. Read and concur'd with the further Amendments, *viz.* dele the Words at Y–*and northerly of* Ipswich *new Township*.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 12, 1736–7.]

A petition of Edward Tyng Temple Nelson & Nathanael Alden, praying for a Grant of a Tract of province Land for themselves and the other heirs of their Respective fathers, in consideration of the Great Charge & Sufferings of their said Fathers in a long Captivity in France being in the Service of the province when taken—

In the House of Represent[a] Read and In Answer to this petition

Ordered that twelve hundred Acres of the Unappropriated Lands of the province, lying West of Salem Canada Town, be & hereby are granted to the pet[rs] the heirs & legal Represent[a] of the within named Edward Tyng Esq[r] John Nelson Esq[r] & Cap[t] John Alden dec'ed and that they be Allowed by a Survey[r] and two Chainmen on Oath to take a plat thereof and Return the same to this Court within twelve months for confirmation to the said pet[rs] to be held in three Equal parts viz[t] four hundred Acres to the heirs & Legal Represent[a] of the said Edward Tyng Esq[r] the like quantity to the heirs & legal Represent[a] of the said John Nelson Esq[r] and the Residue of the Grant to the heirs and Legal Represent[a] of the said Cap[t] John Alden dec'ed—

In Council Read & Concurr'd

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 29, 1737.]

A Plat of twelve hundred Acres of Land Surveyed and laid out by *James Chandler* Surveyor, and two Chain-Men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court, as entred the 12th. of *January* last, made to the Heirs and legal Representatives of *Edward Tyng*,

Esq; *John Nelson*, Esq; and Capt. *John Alden*, deceased, adjoining to *Salem* Canada Town, &c. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are accordingly confirmed, *viz.* Four hundred Acres thereof at the southerly End called Number *One*, to the Heirs and legal Representatives of the said *John Alden*, deceased, and to their Heirs and Assigns respectively for ever; Four hundred Acres thereof adjoining to Number *One*, called Number *Two*, to the Heirs and legal Representatives of *John Nelson*, Esq; deceased, and to their Heirs and Assigns respectively for ever; and the other four hundred Acres called Number *Three*, to the legal Heirs and Representatives of *Edward Tyng*, Esq; deceased, and to their Heirs and Assigns respectively for ever; provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of twelve hundred Acres of Land, exclusive of swag of Chain, and does not interfere with any former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

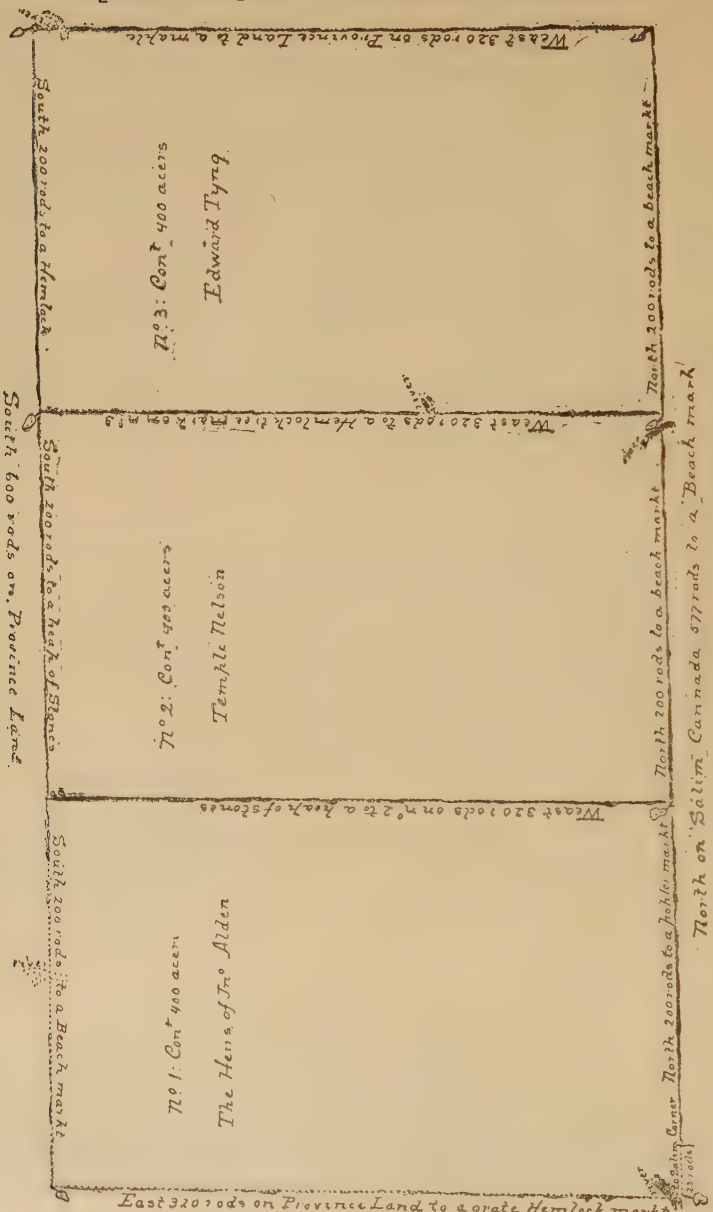
[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 12, 1737–8.]

A Plat of Twelve Hundred Acres of Land laid out by James Chandler Survey^r and Chainmen on Oath, to fulfill a Grant made by this Court to the Heirs of Edward Tyng Esq^r John Nelson Esq^r and Cpt. John Alden; Beginning at a Hemlock Tree twenty three rods South of Salem Canada Township South West corner; thence running North by the needle Six Hundred rods (577 rods on the West Line of said Town) to a Beach Tree mark'd; then West Three hundred and twenty Rods to a Maple Tree marked; then South six hundred rods to a Beach Tree mark'd; then East Three hundred and twenty rods to the Hemlock Tree where it first began.

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 12, p. 1.]

The within Plats Describeth Twelve hundred Acres of Land Layed out the seventh Day of September 1737 to satisfie a Grant of the Great and General Courte the twelth Day of January 1736/7 to the heirs of Cor^ll Edward Ting John Nelson Esq^r and Capt John Aldin all of Boston Deceased It begneth at a hemlock Tree

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 12, p. 1.]


West 320 rods on Province Land to a mark
South 200 rods to a Hemlock
No 3: Con.t 400 acers
Edward Tyng
West 320 rods to a Hemlock tree marked
North 200 rods to a beach mark
South 200 rods to a Heap of Stones
No 2: Con.t 400 acers
Temple Nelson
West 320 rods on No 2 to a heap of stones
North 200 rods to a beach mark
South 600 rods on Province Land
South 200 rods to a Beach mark
No 1: Con.t 400 acers
The Heirs of Jno Alden
East 320 rods on Province Land to a grate Hemlock mark
North 200 rods to a Pickerel mark
Corner
North 200 rods to a Beach mark
North on Salim Cannada 377 rods to a Beach mark

23 Rods south of salam Canada Township south west corner then Runing north by the nedle 600 Rods 577 Rods on salam Canada Town west Line to a Beach Tree marked then west 320 to a maple Tree marked then Runing south 600 Rods to Beach Tree marked then East 320 Rods to a hemlock Tree whare it first began it is bound[d] East on salam canada Town 577 Rods Every other way Bounded on Province Land thare is one Chain allowed in thirty for swag of Chain Protracked by a scale of forty Rods to an Inch

by James Chandler survayr

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 12, p. 1, and Court Records, Jan. 12, 1737–8.]

In the House of Rep[ves] Dec[r] 29[th] 1737 Read and Ordered that the plat be Accepted and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are accordingly Confirmed viz[t] ffour hundred Acres thereof at the southerly End called Number One to the Heirs and legal Representatives of the said John Alden dec[d] and to their heirs and assigns respectively for Ever; Four hundred Acres thereof Adjoining to Number One called Number Two, to the heirs and legal Representatives of the said John Nelson Esq[r] dec[d] and to their heirs and Assigns Respectively for Ever; and the other Four hundred Acres called Number Three to the legal Heirs and Representatives of said Edward Tyng deceased and to their heirs and Assigns respectively for Ever; provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of twelve hundred Acres of Land exclusive of Swagg of Chain and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp[kr]

In Council Jan[ry] 12. 1737

Read and Concurr'd J Willard Sec'ry

13: Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 12, p. 1.]

middlesex ss: Concord Sep[t] 10[th] 1737

The above named James Chandler personaly appeared & maid oath that the within Survay of the within mentioned Twelve hundred acers is don Justly & truly according to the best of his Scill and Judgment

and that James Barrett & daniell Toms personally appeared & maid oath that in Carying the Chain in the within Survay that they had don it Justly & truly accord to the Best of their Scill and Judgment

Before me John Flint Justice of peace

WALPOLE.

[This town was *Number* 3 in the line of towns on the east side of Connecticut River. Granted by Massachusetts, Nov., 1736, to John Flint and others. Granted by New Hampshire, Feb. 13, 1752, to Benjamin Bellows and others, and incorporated as Walpole. Named from an English town. It was also sometimes called *Great Falls* and *Bellows-town*. The charter was renewed March 12, 1761. The privilege of a ferry across the Connecticut at this place was granted to Benjamin Bellows, Aug. 18, 1773. Col. Enoch Hale, of Rindge, was authorized to build a toll-bridge over the Connecticut at Bellows Falls, Dec. 31, 1783. A tract of land from the north part of the town was combined with a part of Charlestown to make up the town of Langdon, Jan. 11, 1787.

See New Hampshire charters following; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 592; Index to Laws, 566; sketch, by M. A. Bellows, 4, Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, p. 124; Walpole As It Was And As It Is, 1749 to 1879, by George Aldrich, 1880, pp. 404, particularly p. 20, as to grant of Walpole territory by authority of New York; historical sketch, by same author, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 405; History and Antiquities of the Name and Family of Kilbourn, by Payne Kenyon Kilbourne, 1856, pp. 444 and 44, particularly p. 81, as to settlement of Walpole by John Kilbourn; Narratives and Traditions of the Bellows Family, by Emily R. Barnes, 1888, pp. 384.]

[Mass. House Journal, Oct. 14, 1730.]

A Petition of *John Flint* Esq; and others, Inhabitants of the Towns of *Concord*, *Groton*, *Littleton*, *Lexington* and *Westford*, praying for a Tract of Land of six Miles square on the *West* of *Monadnock*, on the *Easterly* Branch of *Ashawelet* River, or in any other Place as shall be thought fit, for the Ends and Reasons therein mentioned.

Read, and referred to the next Session for further Consideration.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 3, 1735.]

On the Petition of *John Flint*, Esq; and others of *Concord*, *Groton*, *Littleton*, &c. praying for Lands, as entred the 14*th*. of *October* 1730, and referred, which was read and accepted, and the House came into the Grant of a Township of the contents aforesaid, on the East side of *Connecticut River* below the great Falls, on the same Conditions of Settlement with the former Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Sept. 27, 1739.]

A Petition of *Benjamin Reed*, *Samuel Whittemore*, and *Nathanael Ball*, a Committee of the Proprietors of the Township Number *Three*, lying on the Eastward side of *Connecticut* River, for and in behalf of said Proprietors, praying the Favour of this Court that they may be allowed three Years longer to fulfil the Conditions of the Grant of said Township, for the Reasons mentioned.

Read and referred to the next sitting of this Court.

[*Petition of Proprietors of Walpole for Equivalent Grant, 1772.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 118, p. 610.]

Province of the Massachusetts-Bay

To His Excellency Thos Hutchinson Esqr Capt General & Govr in Cheife in and over his Majesties Province aforesd & to the Honle his majesties Council & house of Representatives in Genl Court assembled at Cambridge May 1772—Humbly shews—

That the great & general Court for sd Province at their sessions in Novr 1736, did grant To Jno Flynt Esqr & others a Township of Six miles Square on the East side of & adjoining to Connecticut River, Called by the name of No 3.—That Sd Court did fully Impower the sd Jno Flynt Esqr to assemble the Grantees of sd Township No 3.—in order to Choose a Comtee to allot out and Divid the Sd Lands & to pass such Votes & ordors as they shd think most Conducive for the Speedy fullfillment of the Conditions of sd Grant —That sd Proprs did accordingly proceed & Choose a Comtee for

the purposes afores^{d} & with great Expence of Time & mony lay out s^{d} Township, & allot out the same agreeable to the ordor of the s^{d} Cort—That s^{d} Prop^{rs} did after Wards with great Expence of Time and money as afores^{d} proceed & lay out Convenient Roads Clear Land & Endeavour the bringing forward the Settlement of s^{d} Township untill the Indian War prevented their farther proceedings & afterwards your Petitioners were intirely Dispossessed of the same by the Running of the province Line to their great Detriment & Loss—Wherefore your Petitioners in behalf of themselves & s^{d} prop^{rs} of s^{d} Township humbly pray y^{r} Excellency & hon^{rs} would take their Case into y^{r} wise Consideration & make them a grant of some of the unappropriated Lands of this province adequate to their Loss and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray

Sam^{l} Whittemore	Amos Lawrance	Will^{m} Munroe
William Cutler	Joseph Adams	Tho^{s} Adams

The Names of the Grantees of Walpole viz^{t}

Benjamin Bellows	Eben^{r} Harris	Abijah Willard
Joshua Moor	Levi Willard	Abel Willard
John Stearns	Thom^{s} Stearns	Sam^{ll} Gibbs
Benj^{a} Gary	Tim^{o} Bancroft	Samuel Hunt
Amos Kimball	Ephraim Kimball	Paul Weatherby
William Stearns	John Litch	Jon^{a} Willard
Robert Clerk	John Spafford	Barzilli Willard
Joseph Goodridge	Nehem^{h} Gould	Caleb Willard
Moses Gould Jun^{r}	Jon^{a} Weatherby	Peter Bellows
Benj^{a} Taylor	Samuel Johnson Jun^{r}	William Down
Benj^{a} Bellows Jun^{r}	Tim^{o} Harrington	Abijah Stearns
John Averill	Stanton Prentice	John Bellows
Jerath^{l} Powers	Sam^{ll} Moor	Jonah Moor
John Taylor	Joseph Bellows	Joseph Stearns
Jon^{a} Bradstreet Jun^{r}	Moses Gould	Benj^{a} Stearns
John Darling Jun^{r}	Paul Crocker	John Russell
Thomas Brown	William Spear	Sampson French
Joseph Win	Joseph Blodgit Jun^{r}	Josh^{a} Willard
William Nutting	John Darling	Benn^{g} Wentworth 500 ac^{s}
Society Share	Ministerial Share	Glebe Share
Theodore Atkinson	Rich^{d} Wibird	Samuel Smith
John Downing	Sampson Sheaffe	Jn^{o} Wentworth Jun^{r}

Copy Theod^{r} Atkinson Sec^{ry}

In the House of Representatives June 29, 1773

on the Petition of Sam[l] Whittemore & others In behalf of themselves & others Propriators of a Township of the Contents of Six Miles Square, Granted to John Flint Esqr & others on the East Side of Connecticut river known by the name of N° 3 It appearing that the Propriators of S[d] Township Expended Much Labour & Money in Clearing Roads & bringing forward the Settlement of S[d] Township, & that the whole of S[d] Township fell within the limmits of Newhampshier on Runing the line between this Province & Newhampshier for which the Grantees have Receiv'd no Consideration from this Province or the Province of Newhampshier

Therefore Resolved in lieu thereof, there be Granted to the Petitioners & the legal Representatives or assigns of the origanal Grantees, a Township of Seven Miles Square in the unapropriated lands belonging to this Province Provided that the Grantees within Six years Settle thirty families in S[d] Town

And lay out one Sixtyfourth part of S[d] Township for the first Setled Minister, and one Sixtyfourth part for the Ministry & one Sixtyfourth part for the Grammer School and one other Sixtyfourth part for the use of Harvard College

Provided also that the S[d] Township be lay'd out on Such a part of the unapropriated lands belonging to this Province (excepting the Tract petition[d] for by the proprietors of Suncook) adjoyning to Some former grant to the Eastward of Saco River, & that they return a plan thereof into the Secretary's office, by a Surveyor and Chainmen under oath within twelve monts for Confirmation

Sent up for Concurrence T Cushing Spk[r]

In Council June 29[th] 1773 read & ordered that the Consideration of this Grant be referred to the Next Sitting of the General Court

Sent down for Concurrence Tho[s] Flucker Sec[r]

In the House of Representatives June 29, 1773

Read & Nonconcurred & the House Adhere to their own Vote

Sent up for Concurrence T Cushing Spk[r]

In Council June 29[th] 1773–

Read & Nonconcurred Jn[o] Cotton D. Secr'y

[In February 1774, Samuel Whittemore and Amos Lawrence again petitioned the General Court, and were granted the township of Baldwin Me., under the same conditions as above expressed.]

[Grant to Jonathan Belcher.]

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 5, 1735–6.]

Two Plats containing one thousand acres of Land lying on each side of *Connecticut River*, viz. six hundred acres thereof lying on the East side of the River, and begins at two Butter nut Trees marked J. B. standing on the Bank of said *Connecticut River* at the lower end of the third Interval Meadow from *Cold River*, from whence it runs an East Line one hundred thirty-four perches, then North four hundred and seventy perches to a Corner, thence West ninety five perches to a Butter nut Tree marked J. B. on the bank of the River; the Plat containing four hundred acres being opposite to the former tract on the West side the River of *Connecticut*, beginning at two white Pines marked J. B. about one hundred and thirty perch above the Brook in the lower part of the second Interval Meadow below the Great Falls, from thence West two hundred and twenty perch, thence South three hundred and five perch, thence East thirteen degrees and thirty minutes North, two hundred and seventy perch to a Pitch Pine on the bank of the River, formerly surveyed and laid out by *Ebenezer Hinsdale*, Surveyor, and two Chain men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of the Court to His Excellency the Governour, as equivalent for what was laid out at a place called by the name of *Merry Meadow*, but not confirmed, was now presented for allowance to satisfy a Grant of one thousand acres of Land made to His Excellency in the present sitting of the Court, for the reasons therein mentioned. Read and *Ordered*, That these Plats be and hereby are accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described, and lying on each side of *Connecticut River*, be and are hereby confirmed to His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Captain General and Governour in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* and to his heirs and assigns for ever, in satisfaction of a Grant of this Court in their present sitting of one thousand acres of Land made to His Excellency, for the Services of His Brother Mr. *Andrew Belcher*, deceas'd, in the *Canada* Expedition *Anno* 1690, provided the Plats exceed not the quantity of one thousand acres of Land, as it lays on each side of *Connecticut River*, and does not interfere with any former Grant, anything contained in the form of the return notwithstanding. Sent up for Concurrence.

WARNER.

[This town was *Number* 1 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, and was granted Jan. 16, 1735–6, to Thomas Stevens and others, many of whom were from Amesbury, Mass. The town was called *New Amesbury*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, March 14, 1749–50, to Richard Jenness and others, inhabitants of Rye, and called *Jenness-town* and *Rye-town*. Regranted Dec. 24, 1767, to Jonathan Barnard and others. Incorporated as Warner, Sept. 3, 1774, and named in honor of Col. Jonathan Warner, of Portsmouth. Kearsarge Gore was annexed June 13, 1818.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 789; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 612; Index to Laws, 568; historical sketch, by Moses Long, 3, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 179; History, by Walter Harriman, 1879, pp. 581; historical sketch, by Fred Myron Colby, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1886, p. 653.]

[*List of Proprietors of No. 1, 1736.*].

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 115, p. 571.]

At a meeting of y^e^ propriators of y^e^ Township No 1 oct^br^ y^e^ 7 : 1736 at y^e^ same meeting mr Edmund March was Chosen modrator for s^d^ meeting—

at y^e^ same meeting voted to Chuse five men to Lay out 63 Lots in s^d^ Township

at y^e^ Same meeting David Ring & others was Chosen a Committee to Lay s^d^ Lots—

at y^e^ same meeting voted to Leave it to y^e^ Commitee to Lay out s^d^ Lots in Quantity & Quality as y^e^ Land will best allow of—

at a meeting of y^e^ propriators of y^e^ Township N^o^ 1 Novem^br^ y^e^ 25 : 1736 mr pain Winget was Chosen modrator for s^d^ meeting—

at y^e^ Same meeting y^e^ Com^tee^ Brought in a Returne that they had Laid out 63 Lots of 40 acres to Each Lot in four Ranges which was Rec^d^ in & voted & y^e^ Lots Drawn as followeth

the first Range			acrs	the second Range			acrs
Capt Richard Currier	ye	1st	40	John Pressey	ye	1	40
Thos Stevens	ye	2	40	Jonath Pressey	ye	2	40
Elezar Wells	ye	3	40	Samll Colby ye 3d	ye	3	40
Jacob Currier	ye	4	40	David Rines	ye	6	40
Daniel Ring	ye	5	40	Joseph Currier	ye	7	40
Moses Sargent	ye	6	40	Samll Barnard J	ye	8	40
Jeremah Flanders	ye	7	40	Jonath Blasdel	ye	9	40
Ichabod Colby	ye	8	40	Samll Parsons	ye	10	40
mr pain Winget	ye	9	40	John Hoyt J	ye	11	40
Jonath Barnard	ye	10	40	Willim Nickalls	ye	12	40
James ordway	ye	11	40	Jarves Ring	ye	13	40
Philip Quimby	ye	12	40	Sephen Patten	ye	14	40
John Sargent	ye	13	40	Willim Straw	ye	15	40
Nemiah ordway	ye	14	40	John Jewell J	ye	16	40
ye scholl Lot	ye	15	40	Daniel Currier	ye	17	40
Joseph Quimby	ye	16	40	Joseph Peaslea	ye	18	40
				Samll Straw	ye	19	40
				John Allen	ye	20	40

the third Range				the fourth Range			
Joseph Jewell	ye	1	40	John Nickalls	ye	1	40
John Hoyt	ye	2	40	Isaac Chandler	ye	2	40
John Jewell	ye	3	40	Benja Tucker	ye	3	40
Elihu Gould	ye	4	40	Jacob Fowller	ye	4	40
Caleb Clough	ye	5	40	Timoth Colby	ye	5	40
ye first minestr	ye	6	40	Timoth Sargent	ye	6	40
Stephen Merrel	ye	7	40	Gideon Rowell	ye	7	40
Nathll Chandler	ye	8	40	Thos Rowell	ye	8	40
John Challis	ye	9	40	Stephen Sargent	ye	9	40
Aaron Rowell	ye	10	40	Jacob Sargent	ye	10	40
Mr Edumond March	ye	11	40	Joseph Jones	ye	11	40
Jonath Currier	ye	12	40	Samll Flanders	ye	12	40
Thos Meekins	ye	16	40				
Orlando Colby	ye	17	40				
ye second minestry	ye	18	40				
John Stevens	ye	19	40				
Francis Davis	ye	20	40				

At a meeting of ye propriators of ye Township No 1 March ye 15 : 1737—

at ye Same meeting John Hoyt was chosen Modrator for sd meeting—

at ye Same meeting it was proposed whither Joseph Jewell

Timoth Colby & Isaac Chandler shall be a Comtee to go & view sd Township & acording to their best descression Lay out Sixty three Lots in order for setlment & make their Return within three months to ye propriators of sd Township—

Voted on ye affermative—

at a meeting of ye propriators of ye Township No 1 June ye 23: 1738 John Hoyt was Chsen Modrator for sd meeting: at ye same meeting ye Comtee Brought in their Return that they had Laid out 63 Lot in sd Township of about five acres to Each & was Recd in & voted & ye Lots Drawn which are as followeth viz

Capt Richard Currier	ye	1	Joseph Jones	ye	20
John Allen	ye	2	Jonath Blasdel	ye	21
John Hoyt J	ye	3	Samll Flanders	ye	22
Jacob Currier	ye	4	John Nickalls	ye	23
first Minister	ye	5	David Ring	ye	24
Willim Nickalls	ye	6	Orlando Colby	ye	25
Joseph Quimby	ye	7	Elihu Gould	ye	26
Samll Barnard J	ye	8	Stephen Merriel	ye	27
John Challis J	ye	9	John Pressey	ye	28
Joseph Parsons	ye	10	John Stevens	ye	29
Edmund March	ye	11	Caleb Clough	ye	30
ye school Lot	ye	12	Stephen Sargent	ye	31
Elezer Wells	ye	13	Willim Straw	ye	32
Stephen Patten	ye	14	Benja Tucker	ye	33
Neamah ordway	ye	15	Aaron Rowell	ye	34
Jonath Currier	ye	16	Jonath Pressey	ye	35
John Jewell J	ye	17	Gideon Rowell	ye	36
Daniel Currier	ye	18	John Hoyt	ye	37
Daniel Ring	ye	19	Jarves Ring	ye	38
for the second ministry		39	Samll Colby	the	52
francis Davis	the	40	Mr Pain Wingeate	the	53
mr Samll Persons	the	41	Samll Straw	the	54
Jacob fouller	the	42	Philip Quenby	the	55
Thos Stevens	the	43	Ichabod Colby	the	56
Joseph jewel	the	44	Nathall Chandler	the	57
Joseph Currier j	the	45	Isaac Chandler	the	58
Capt John Sargant	the	46	Jacob Sargant	the	59
Moses Sargant	the	47	Jeremiah flanders	the	60
Jonathan Barnerd	the	48	Timothy Colby	the	61
John jewell	the	49	Thos Meekings	the	62
Timothy Sargant—		50	Thos Rowell Esqr	the	63
James ordway	the	51			

[*Votes of Proprietors of No. 1, 1738.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 115, p. 568.]

at a meeting of y^e^ propriators of y^e^ Township N^o^ 1 March 21, 1738 at y^e^ same meeting Tho^s^ Rowell was Chosen Modrator for sd meeting: at y^e^ same meeting voted to pay orlando Colby Joseph Jewell & John Challis one Hundred pounds in province Bills of y^e^ old tener to Build a good & serviseble Saw mill on y^e^ Township No 1 on y^e^ falls Called Blackwater River by y^e^ Last day of august next

at a meeting of y^e^ propriators of y^e^ Township No 1 March y^e^ 21, 1738 at y^e^ same meeting Capt Tho^s^ Rowell was Chosen modrator for 1 meeting—

at y^e^ same Jona^th^ Blasdel & Jona^th^ Barnard was Chosen to goo to y^e^ Township No 1 & view y^e^ saw mill now in Building & y^e^ high way now Cleard to sd township & y^e^ place for y^e^ Dam

at a meeting of y^e^ propriators of y^e^ Township No 1 May y^e^ 12, 1740 Joseph Jewell Chosen Modrator for sd meeting at y^e^ same meeting voted & Resolved to give Ezekel Morrel Sixty pounds Bills of Credit for Building a Dam & floom at y^e^ saw mill in y^e^ Township N^o^ 1 according to Bond.

at a meeting of y^e^ propriators of y^e^ Township N^o^ 1 December y^e^ 18 1749 Cap^t^ John Hoyt Chosen modrator for sd meeting—

at y^e^ same meeting voted to Build five houses on sd Township at y^e^ Corst of y^e^ propriators of y^e^ Dimentions according to y^e^ Cort act—

at y^e^ same meeting voted that y^e^ five houses voted to be Built on y^e^ s^d^ Township shall be compleated on or Before y^e^ Last day of January next—

January 26: 1749 we y^e^ subscribers persuant to y^e^ above s^d^ vote have Built four houses on s^d^ Township agreable to y^e^ order of Court & according to y^e^ above s^d^ vote

Tho^s^ Colby	Jarves Ring
Moses Morriel	Gidon Straw

the afore going is a True Copy taken out of y^e^ propriators Book in y^e^ Township N^o^ 1 attest Jona^th^ Barnard propriators Clark—

Essex ss March y^e^ 20: 1750

the above named Jonathan Barnard was Sworn Before me Tho^s^ Rowell Justice a peace

WASHINGTON.

[This town was *Number* 8 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735–6. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 11, 1752, to Capt. Peter Prescott and others. Regranted March 17, 1768, to Reuben Kidder and others. The charter was renewed Feb. 5, 1772. The town was variously known as *Monadnock No.* 8, *New Concord*, and *Camden*, until it was incorporated as Washington, Dec. 13, 1776, and named in honor of George Washington. A portion was combined with New Bradford and Washington Gore to make up the town of Bradford, Sept. 27, 1787. The line between Washington and Lempster was established Nov. 27, 1812.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 626; Index to Laws, 569; The Late Centenarian of, with a Brief History of the Town, by George Bancroft Griffith, 3, Granite Monthly, p. 536; History, 1768–1886, compiled by a committee chosen by the town, 1886, pp. 696; historical sketch, by George M. Gage, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 391.]

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 27, 1738.]

The Petition of *Caleb Bloggett*, in Behalf of the Proprietors of the Township called Number *Eight*, in the Line of Towns from *Rumford* to the *Great Falls* on *Connecticut* River, shewing that the Lands in said Township are so rocky and mountainous on a View thereof, that renders the Settlement impracticable, praying they may be allowed to take up a Tract of Land in lieu of the aforesaid Township, lying southward thereof, *&c.*

Read and Referred to the next sitting of the Court for consideration.

[Mass. House Journal, June 26, 1739.]

A Petition of *Caleb Bloggett* for himself and the other Proprietors of the Township Number *Eight*, in the Line of Towns, shewing that the Land there is so rough and mountanous that upon a careful View thereof it has been found impracticable to make a Settlement agreeable to the Conditions of the Grant, as entred the 27*th* of *December* last and referred.

WEARE.

[This town was granted by Massachusetts, June 19, 1735, to Robert Hale, petitioning for Capt. William Raymond's men, and was called *Beverly-Canada*, and *Hale's-town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Sept. 20, 1749, to Ichabod Robie and others, and called at times *Robie's-town* and *Weare's-town*. Incorpor-

ated as Weare, Sept. 21, 1764, and named in honor of Meshech Weare. The line between Weare and Dunbarton was established July 2, 1853.

See New Hampshire charters and Masonian Papers in this and following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 791; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 637; Index to Laws, 571; historical sketch by William Little, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 678; History, 1735 to 1888, by town committee; 1888, pp. 1064.]

[Mass. House Journal, April 11, 1735.]

A Petition of *Robert Hale* of *Beverly*, Esq; in behalf of the *Canada* Soldiers under the more immediate command of Capt. *William Rayment* of *Beverly*, and also of such other Soldiers, Inhabitants of said Town, who were in the *Canada* Expedition at the same time, *viz. Anno* 1690, praying that in consideration of the great hardships and fatigues they then underwent in and for the Service of their Country, they may obtain a Grant of six miles square of Land under such restrictions and limitations as to the Court may seem meet. Read and *Ordered*, That *John Chandler*, *Samuel Welles*, and *Daniel Epes*, Esqrs; and Mr. *Webb*, are desired to prepare a proper Vote for bringing forward the Settlement of the premisses, and make report thereon.

[Mass. House Journal, April 16, 1735.]

Col. *Chandler* from the Committee appointed the 11*th*. currant, on the Petition of *Robert Hale*, Esq; in behalf of some *Canada* Soldiers, under the Command of the late Capt. *William Rayment* of *Beverly*, deceased, and others, made report, which was read and accepted, and *Voted*, That a tract of the unappropriated Lands of the Province of the contents of six miles square be and hereby is granted to the Petitioners their heirs and assigns respecively, for a Township, to lay in some suitable place so as not to spoil or incommode the Settlement of another Town, and that the Grantees be and hereby are obliged to bring forward the Settlement of the said Township in as regular and defensible manner as the situation and circumstances of the place will admit of in the following manner, *viz*. That each Grantee his heirs or assigns build an House on his respective Lot or Share, of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least, and plow and bring to english Grass and fit for mowing six acres of Land, and that they settle a learned and orthodox Minister, and build a convenient Meeting House for the publick Worship of GOD and lay out one

sixty third part of the Township for the first settled Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for the School, and that they comply with all these Conditions within five years.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 19, and House Journal, June 10, 1735.]

A Petition of Robert Hale Esq^r^ in behalf of the officers & Soldiers that were in the Expedition Against Canada in the Year 1690 Under the Command of Cap^t^ William Raymond, most of whom belonged to the Town of Beverly, which Town has had no Grant of land from the Province excepting, some few Narragansett Soldiers, and the heirs of the Pet^rs^ Grandfather, that the said Soldiers in the Canada Expedition endured Great hardship; And therefore praying for a Grant of land of Six miles Square for a Township for the said Soldiers & their Represent^a^——

In the House of Represent^a^ Read & in Answer to this petition——

Voted That a tract of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province of the Contents of Six Miles Square be & hereby is Granted to the pet^rs^ their heirs and assigns Respectivly for a Township, to lye in some Suitable place so as not to Spoil or incommode the Settlement of another Town, and that the Grantees be & hereby are obliged to bring forward the Settlement of the said Township in as Regular and Defensible a manner as the Situation & Circumstances of the place will Admit of, in the following manner, viz^t^ that each Grantee or his heirs or assignes build an house on his Respective Lot or share of Eighteen feet Square and Seven feet Stud at the Least, and plow and bring to English Grass & fit for mowing, Six Acres of Land; and that they Settle a Learned Orthodox Minister and Build a Convenient Meeting house for the Publick Worship of God, That one Sixty third part of the Township be and hereby is Granted to the first Settled Minister, the like quantity for the use of the Ministry, and the like quantity also for the use of the School; in all the divisions of the said Township; That the said Grantees be and hereby are obliged to Comply with all the Conditions within five Years; and that Robert Hale and John Wainwright Esq^rs^ with such as shall be Appointed by the Hon^ble^ Board, be a Com^tee^ to lay out the said Township, at the Charge of the Province; and the committee is directed to take Bond of each Grantee of Twenty pounds for the fulfillment of the

Conditions aforesaid, the bonds to be made to the Province Treasurer and in Case any of the Grantees fail of the performance of his Grant, such person shall forfeit all Right Title or pretence thereto to the Province to be disposed of as this Court shall think proper; The Com^tee^ to Return a Plat of the said Township to this Court within twelve months for Confirmation——

In Council Read & Concurr'd and Ebenezer Burrill Esq^r^ is Joined w^th^ the Com^tee^ of the House for the above Affair.—

[Mass. House Journal, June 19, 1735.]

John Jeffries, Esqr; brought down the Petition of *Robert Hale*, Esq; in behalf of sundry *Canada* Soldiers and Officers of *Beverly*, *Anno* 1690, with the Vote of the House of the 10*th*. currant thereon, Pass'd in Council *viz*. In Council June 19*th* 1735. Read and concur'd with the Amendment, *viz*. dele the words—*with the first Divis on or Home-Lots*—and insert—*at the Charge of the Province, and the Committee is directed to take Bond of each Grantee of* Twenty Pounds *for the fulfilment of the Conditions aforesaid, the Bonds to be made to the Treasurer of the Province and in case any of the Grantees shall fail of the performance of his Grant, such Person shall forfeit all his Right Title and Pretence thereto to the Province, to be disposed of as this Court shall think proper; and that* Ebenezer Burrell, *Esq: be joined with the Committee of the House on the affair.*

Sent down for Concurrence

Read and concur'd

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 9, p. 14.]

This plan is the Draught of a track of Land laid out Laiying on the Wast sid of Mereymak River adjoning the South sid to a Township Latly Surveyd by Jerahmeel Cummings and laid out to setesfy a grant made by the General Courtt to Cap^t^ William Rayment and others at there sessions in May 1735, and Contains 24682 acres being of Contants of six miles square with the adition of 1642 acars allowed for Swag of Chaine and Bad Land.

Sorveyed by me William Gregg—Sorveyer

Londondery febrwary 17^th^ 1735

Essex ss: ffebruary 17th 1735. Then William Gregg as Surveyr and Isaac Gray and Jeremiah Butman as Chainmen who laid out the Land above described made Oath that in performing said Service they acted faithfully and truly according to the Several Trusts respectively reposed in them.

before Richd Saltonstall Jus Pacs

In the House of Representatives March 19th 1735. Read and Ordered that the plat be accepted and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the officers and soldiers or to the Heirs, descendants, or lawfull Representatives of Such as are deceased in the Compa of the said Capt William Rayment late of Beverly deceased and the other Grantees mentioned in the petition of Robert Hale Esqr in their behalf passed this Court in their late Sitting, and to their Heirs and assigns respectively for Ever, provided the plat exceeds not the quantity of Six Miles square, and sixteen hundred and forty two Acres allowed for swag of Chain and bad land within the Tract,

and does not interfere with any former Grant, provided also the petitioners, Grantees their heirs or assigns comply with the Conditions of the Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^kr

Mar: 20, 1735—In Council Read & Concurd
Simon Frost Dep^t Sec^ry

24: Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, March 19, 1735–6.]

A Plat containing six miles square of Land and one thousand six hundred forty two acres allowance for swag of Chain and bad Land, laid out by *William Gregg*, Surveyor, and two Chain men on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court of the 19*th*. of *June* last to Capt. *William Rayment* and others of *Beverly*, *Canada* Officers and Soldiers, lying on the West side of *Merrimack River*, adjoining to the South side of the Township lately granted to *John Simpson* and others, and surveyed by *Jerathmeel Cummings* and others Chain men on Oath, was presented for allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the Heirs, Descendants or lawful Representatives of the said Capt. *William Rayment* late of *Beverly* deceased, and the other Grantees mentioned in the Petition of *Robert Hale*, Esq; in their behalf, passed this Court at their late sitting, provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of six miles square of Land, and sixteen hundred and forty-two acres allowed for swag of Chain and bad Land within that tract, and does not interfere with any former Grant, provided also the Petitioners and Grantees their heirs or assigns comply with the Conditions of the Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence

Ordered, That *Robert Hale*, Esq; be and hereby is fully authorized and impowred to call the first meeting and assemble the Grantees of the Town lately given to the Heirs and lawful Representatives of Capt. *William Rayment* deceased, and other *Canada* Soldiers &c, in some convenient time and place, to chuse a Moderator and Clerk, and pass such Votes and Orders as they may judge necessary for compliance with the Conditions of the Grant, and how future meetings shall be called.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, March 20, 1735–6.]

A Plat of a Tract of Land laid out by William Gregg Survey^{r} and Chainmen Under Oath, of Six Miles Square, to fulfill a Grant of a Township made by this Court to the Officers and Soldiers in the Canada Expedition under Cap^{t} William Rayment &c lying on the West Side of Merrimack River Adjoyning to the South side of the Township Surveyed by Jer. Cummins—

WINCHESTER.

[Granted by Massachusetts, April 6, 1733, to Josiah Willard and others, and called *Earlington*, afterwards *Arlington*. Incorporated as Winchester, July 2, 1753. Named from an English town. The line between Winchester and Hinsdale was established Sept. 26, 1753. The north-west corner of Richmond was annexed to Winchester, July 2, 1850.

See New Hampshire charters following; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 798; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 687; Index to Laws, 585; historical sketch, by George W. Pierce, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 541.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 9, 1732.]

A Petition sign'd *Josiah Willard* for himself and sundry others, Inhabitants of this Province, praying for a Grant of a Tract of the unappropriated Lands for a Township on the Eastern side of *Connecticut* River, and adjoining to the Northerly or Northeasterly part of *Northfield*, for the Reasons mentioned.

Read and *Ordered*, That the Petition lye on the Table.

[Mass. House Journal, Nov. 3, 1732.]

A Petition of Col. *Josiah Willard*, for himself and sundry others, Inhabitants of this Province, praying they may obtain a Grant of a Tract of Land on the Easterly side of *Connecticut* River above *Northfield*, and below the Truck-House, of the Contents of Six Miles square for a Township for the Reasons mentioned.

Read and *Ordered*, That Mr. *Welles*, Mr. *Choate*, Mr. *Chandler*, and Capt. *Goddard*, be a Committee to take the said Petition into Consideration, and report what they may think proper for the Court to do thereon.

[Mass. House Journal, Nov. 4, 1732.]

The Committee to whom was referr'd the Petition of *Josiah Willard* Esq: of *Lunenburg*, in behalf of himself and sundry others, as entered yesterday, Praying for a tract of Land, whereon to settle a Town, Reported, Which was read and accepted, and thereupon

Ordered, That the prayer of the Petition be so far granted, as that the Petitioners be allowed by a Surveyor and Chain-men under Oath, to lay out a tract of Land of the contents of six Miles square, on the East side of *Connecticut* River, adjoyning to the Northern Bounds of *Northfield*, under the limitations following, *viz.* That the Tract be laid out and a Plan thereof presented to this Court for Confirmation, within eight Months next after the date of the Grant, and that within six Months after Confirmation of the Grant, there be sixty seven House lots laid out, to draw equal future divisions; and that there be within two Years from the Confirmation aforesaid. forty Families settled on forty of the aforesaid Lots, each Family having an House of eighteen feet Square, and seven feet Stud at the least, and four Acres of Land fitted for Plowing or Mowing; and that within three Years from the Confirmation aforesaid, they build a Convenient House for the Publick Worship of God, and settle a Learned and Orthodox Minister, and that twenty four Lots more be settled with a suitable Family on each Lot within ten Years from the Grant, and that within two Years from the Grant, the Petitioners clear and make a convenient travelling Road of eight feet wide, from *Lunenburg* to *Northfield*, and build a convenient House for Receiving and Entertaining Travellers on said Road, about midway between *Northfield* and *Lunenburg* aforesaid, and for the encouragement of a suitable Family to settle in said House; It is *Resolved*, That there be granted to him that shall dwell in said House for the space of seven Years from the Grant, one hundred and fifty Acres of Land, about midway on the road aforesaid. And that the aforesaid Petitioner be allowed within six Months from the date of this Grant, by a Surveyor and Chain-men under Oath, to lay out the aforesaid one hundred and fifty Acres, and a Plan thereof to be presented to this Court for Confirmation within two Months after the Survey. And it is further *Order'd* That three of the aforesaid sixty seven Lots be for public Uses with all future Divisions belonging to each, one Lot to the first settled Minister,

another to the Ministry, and the other to the uses of the School, or otherwise to the three first settled Ministers successively each a Lot, to be disposed of either the one way or the other as the Petitioners or Inhabitants shall think most for the public good of the Town. And it is further *Order'd*, That the Petitioners be impowered to make such Orders and Rules as may be needful and conducive to bring forward the settlement, according to the true intent and meaning of this Order. And it is further *Resolved*, That in case the Petitioners do not well and truly comply with the Terms and Conditions aforementioned, the Lands hereby granted, shall revert to the Province, and be and belong to it as if this Grant had never been.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 9, 1732.]

A Petition of Coll: Josiah Willard & Sixty two others, Praying for a Grant of Land of six miles square lying on the East side of Connecticut River, between Northfeild & the Truckhouse to be by them settled into a Township under such Regulations as the Court shall Order.—

In the House of Represent^{ves} Read & Ordered that the prayer of the petition be so far granted as y^{t} the petitioners be allowed by a Survey^{r} and Chainmen under Oath to lay out a Tract of Land of the Contents of six miles square on y^{e} East side of Connecticut River, adjoining to the Northern Bounds of Northfeild under the Limitations following, Viz. that the Tract be laid out & a Plan thereof presented to this Court for Confirmation within eighteen Months next after the date of the Grant, & that within six months after the Confirmation of the Grant there be sixty seven house Lots laid out to draw equal future Divisions, & that there be within two Years from the Confirmation afores^{d} forty Families settled on y^{e} afores^{d} Lots, Each Family having an house of Eighteen feet square, & seven feet Stud at y^{e} least & four Acres of Land fitted for plowing & mowing, & that within three Years from y^{e} Confirmation afores^{d} they build a Convenient House for y^{e} publick Worship of God, & settle a learned & orthodox Minister And that twenty four Lots more be settled with a Sutable Family on each Lot Within ten Years from the Grant & that within two Years from the Grant the petition^{rs} clear and make a convenient travelling Road of Eight feet wide from Lunenburg to Northfeild

& build a Convenient House for receiving & entertaining Travellers on s^{d} Road ab^{t} Midway between Northfeild & Lunenburg afores^{d} & for the Encouragem^{t} of a sutable Family to settle in s^{d} House, It is Resolved that there be granted to him that shall dwell in s^{d} House for the Space of seven Years from the Grant, One Hundred & fifty Acres of Land ab^{t} midway on the Road afores^{d} And that the afores^{d} Petition^{rs} be allowed within Six months from the Date of this Grant by a Survey^{r} & chainmen under Oath to lay out the afores^{d} One Hundred & Fifty Acres & a plan thereof to be presented to this Court for Confirmation within two Months after the Survey, And it is further Ordered that three of the afores^{d} Sixty seven Lots be for publick Uses with all future Divisions belonging to Each One Lot for the first Settled Minister, another to the Ministry & the other to the Use of the School, or otherwise to the three first Settled Ministers successively Each a Lot, to be disposed of, either the one Way or the other as the petition^{rs} or Inhabitants shall think most for y^{e} publick good of the Town, And it is further Ordered y^{t} the petition^{rs} be impowered to make such Orders & Rules as may be needful and conducive to bring forward the Settlem^{t} according to the true Intent & Meaning of this Order & it is further *Resolved* y^{t} in Case the petition^{rs} do not well & truly comply with y^{e} Terms and Conditions before mentioned the Lands hereby granted shall revert to y^{e} province & be & belong to it as if this Grant had never been made—

In Council Read & Nonconcurr'd

[Mass. House Journal, April 6, 1733.]

A Petition of Col. *Josiah Willard*, for himself & sundry others, Inhabitants of this Province, praying they may obtain a Grant of a Tract of Land on the Easterly side of *Connecticut* River above *Northfield*, for the reasons mentioned. Read, and in Answer to this Petition *Ordered*, That the prayer of the Petition be so far granted, as that the Petitioners be allowed by a Surveyor and Chain-men under Oath, to lay out a Tract of Land of the contents of six Miles square, on the East side of *Connecticut* River, adjoyning to the Northern Bounds of *Northfield*, under the Limitations following, *viz.* That the Tract be laid out and a Plan thereof presented to this Court for confirmation within

eighteen Months next after the date of the Grant, and that within six Months next after the confirmation of the Grant there be sixty-seven House Lots laid out to draw equal future divisions; and that there be within two Years from the confirmation aforesaid, forty Families settled on forty of the aforesaid Lots, each Family having an House of eighteen feet Square and seven Feet stud at the least, and four Acres of Land fitted for Plowing or Mowing; and that within three years from the confirmation aforesaid, they build a convenient House for the publick Worship of God, and settle a learned and orthodox Minister, and that twenty four Lots more be settled with a suitable Family on each Lot within ten years from the Grant, and that within two years from the Grant the Petitioners clear and make a convenient travelling Road of twelve Feet wide, from *Lunenburg* to *Northfield*, and build an House for receiving and entertaining Travellers on said Road, about midway between *Northfield* and *Lunenburg*, aforesaid; and for the encouragement of a suitable Family to settle in said House, it is *Resolved*, That there be granted to him that shall dwell in said House for the space of seven years from the Grant, one hundred and fifty Acres of Land, about midway on the road aforesaid. And that the aforesaid Petitioners be allowed within six Months from the date of this Grant, by a Surveyor and Chainmen under Oath, to lay out the aforesaid one hundred and fifty acres, and a Plan thereof to be presented to this Court for confirmation within two Months after the Survey. And it is further *Ordered*, That three of the aforesaid sixty-seven Lots be for publick Uses with all future Divisions belonging to each, one Lot for the first settled Minister, another to the Ministry, and the other to the use of the School, or otherwise to the three first settled Ministers successively, each Lot to be disposed of either the one way or the other as the Petitioners or Inhabitants shall think most for the publick good of the Town. And it is further *Ordered*, That the Petitioners be impowred to make such orders and rules as may be needful and conducive to bring forward the Settlement according to the true intent and meaning of this Order. And it is further *Resolved*, That in case the Petitioners do not well and truly comply with the terms and conditions aforementioned, the Lands hereby granted shall revert to the Province, and be and belong to it as if this Grant had never been.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, April 6, 1733.]

A Petition of Josiah Willard Esq^r & Sixty three others, praying for a Grant of a Tract of Land of six miles square lying on the East Side of Connecticut River, between Northfeild & the Truckhouse to be by them settled into a Township under such Regulations & upon such Conditions as this Court in y^r wisdom shall judge most fit.

[In answer to this petition, the House again passed the foregoing vote, which was this time concurred by the Council, and consented to by the Governor.]

[Mass. House Journal, April 25, 1733.]

Voted That Col. *Josiah Willard* be and is fully authorized and impowred to assemble and convene the Proprietors or Grantees of the Plantation lately made by this Court of a Tract of Land on the Easterly side of *Connecticut* River above *Northfield*, at such time and place as he shall appoint, to chuse a Moderator and Clerk, and to make such orders and rules as may be proper and needful to bring forward the Settlement of the said Plantation according to the Conditions of the Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, April 25, 1733.]

In the House of Represent^ves voted that Coll: Josiah Willard be & hereby is fully authorized & impowered to Assemble & Convence the Propriet^rs or Grantees of the Plantation lately made by this Court of a Tract of Land on the Easterly side of Connecticut River above Northfeild at such Time & Place as he shall appoint to choose a Moderator & Clerk & to make such Orders & Rules as may be proper & needful to bring forward the settlem^t of the Plantation according to the Conditions of y^e Grant.—

In Council Read & Concur'd—

Consented to J Belcher.

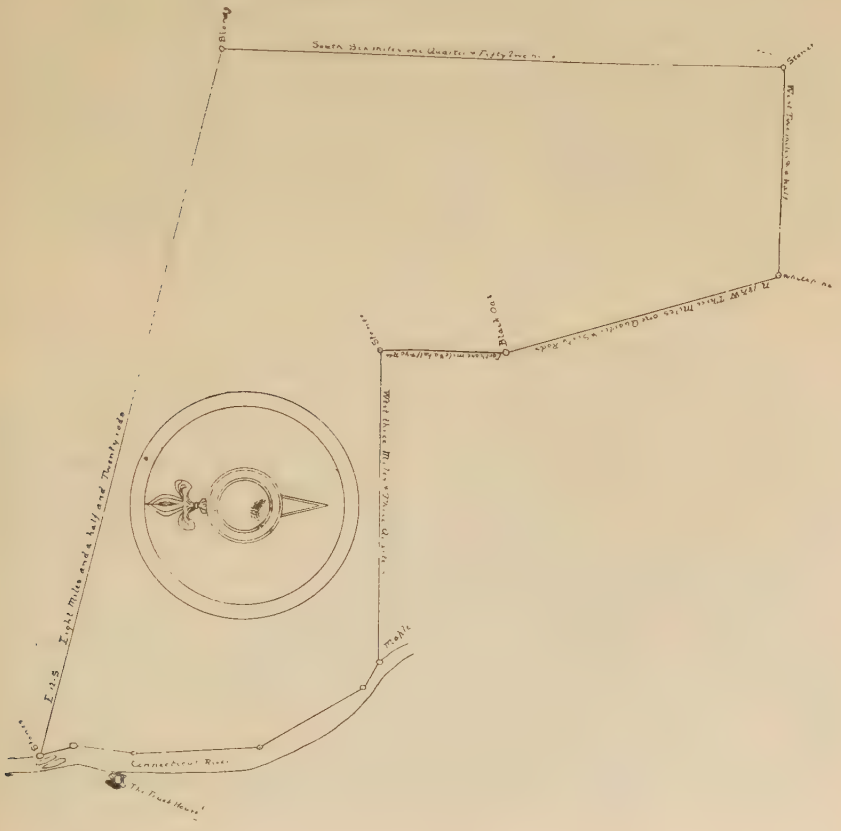
[Mass. House Journal, June 21, 1733.]

A Plat containing the contents of six Miles square laid out by order of this Court for a Township in *April* last, in answer to a Petition of Col. *Josiah Willard* for himself and others, lying on

the East side of *Connecticut River* adjoining on the Northern bounds of *Northfield* Surveyed and laid out by *Joseph Blanchard* Surveyor and two Chain-men on Oath, was presented for allowance. Read and accepted, and *Voted*, That the Lands within delineated and described be and are hereby confirmed unto the said *Josiah Willard*, Esq; and the other Petitioners their Heirs and Assigns respectively for ever, provided it exceeds not the quantity of six Miles square, and does not interfere with any former Grant, and that the Petitioners comply with the Conditions of the Grant

Sent up for Concurrence

[Mass. Maps and Plans, Vol. 8, p. 5.]



May y^e^ 10^th^ 1733 Then finished the Laying out a tract of Land at Connecticut River Above Northfield Granted By the Great & General Court held at Boston April y^e^ 4th—1733—of the contents of six miles squair for a Plantation or Township in answer to the Petition of Col^o^ Josiah Willard & others and is Bounded thus—Beginning at y^e^ River att a Maple tree the Southwesterly corner of His Excellency's Governour Belchers Farm—Said to be the Northern Bounds of Northfield from thence runing up the said Connecticut River fours miles and an half and twenty perches—taking in two Small Ilands at the uper end from thence East twelve degrees to the south eight miles and a half and twenty perches to an heap of stones then south six miles one Quarter and fifty-two rods to an heap of stones—Then west two miles and an half to a white pine tree marked—from thence North eighteen and an half degrees west three miles one quarter and sixty perches, to a black oake tree marked—then north one mile and an half and forty perches to an heap of stones then west three miles and three Quarters to the maple tree the first mentioned bound—there's allowed about one rod in twenty for uneven land and swag of chain, also ther's allowed 739 acres for Farmes aready layd out with two hundred acres allowed for ponds & rivers—

℔ Joseph Blanchard Surveyor—

Scale 213⅔ in an Inch—

[Mass. Court Records, June 21, 1733.]

A Plat of a Tract of Land granted by this Court at their last Session to Col^o^ Josiah Willard & others for a Township Surveyed by Joseph Blanchard Survey^r^ & two Chain men on Oath lying on the East Side of Connecticut River above Northfeild being bounded as follows viz. Beginning at the River at a Maple Tree, the Southwesterly Corner of Govern^r^ Belcher's Farm, said to be the Northern bounds of Northfeild, from thence running up Connecticut River four Miles & an half & Twenty Perches taking in two small Islands at the upper End from thence East twelve Degrees to the South eight Miles & an half & twenty Perches, to an heap of Stones, the South Six miles, one quarter & fifty two rods to an heap of Stones, the West two Miles & an half to a White Pine Tree marked, from thence North Eighteen & an half Degrees West, three miles one quarter & Sixty Perches to a black Oak Tree mark'd, Then North one Mile & an half & forty Perches to

a Heap of Stones, then West three Miles & three Quarters to the Maple Tree first mentioned

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[*Vote of Proprietors of Winchester, 1735.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 432.]

August y^e^ 26: 1735

At a Legal meeting of y^e^ Proprietors of y^e^ New: Township called Arlington Held at y^e^ meeting House in Arlington being Duely warned met & formed & then voted & Chose Colonel Josiah Willard Esqr to preferr a petition to y^e^ General assembly of this Province for an Equivalent in Lands for w^t^ y^e^ bounds of Northfield takes off from y^e^ S^d^ Township of Arlington; on y^r^ behalf & to pitch upon y^e^ place where in case such grant be made

Voted also That Colonel Josiah Willard be y^e^ person to make a Return of y^e^ doing of y^e^ Proprietors of S^d^ Township to y^e^ General Court for Acceptance; with a Petition to be incorporated with y^e^ previledges of other Towns: as also to preferr a Petition to y^e^ s^d^ Court to have y^e^ Unimproved Lands subjected to bear publick Charges.

A true Copy from y^e^ files of y^e^ votes of y^e^ Proprietors Compar^d^ & Exam^d^ as attest

Benjamin Doolittle Propr^trs^ Clerk

[*Vote of Proprietors of Winchester, 1735.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 390.]

At a meeting of y^e^ Proprietors of y^e^ New Town above Northfield Granted To Colonel Josiah Willard & others Now Called Arlington August 26, AD: 1735. Then voted

To Desire Colonel Josiah Willard Esq^r^ To preferr a petition to y^e^ General assembly of this Province in behalf of y^e^ proprietors; Requesting An Equivalent in lands in Some suitable & Convenient place near or adjoyning to this New Township as Shall be tho't most Convenient & proper in Consideration of y^e^ lands w^c^ the bounds of Northfield has taken off from y^e^ S^d^ New: Township as y^e^ bounds of y^e^ S^d^ New: Township was first thro mistake Laid out

A true Copy of y^e^ propr^tors^ vote

Examin'd ℔ Benj^n^ Doolittle Propr^trs^ Clerk

[*Petition of Josiah Willard, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 390.]

To His Excellency Jon[a] Belcher Esq[r] Cap[t] Gen[l] & Gov[r] in Chief in & over His Maj[tys] prov. of the Mass[a] Bay the Hon[ble] His Maj[tys] Council, & y[e] Hon[ble] H[o] of Rep[ves] Assembled in Gen[l] Court May 30 1739

Josiah Willard Agent for & in behalf of the Grantees & Inhabitants of the New plantation or Township sometimes called Arlington in the County of Hampshire

Humbly shews that Notwithstanding they are a very young and infant Settlement of but few years standing, yet by the Blessing of God on their very hard Labour & honest Industry they have tho' with great fatigue effected the Conditions of settlement, having a good & Convenient Meeting house, as well as an Orthodox Minister among them; and this at great charge considering the shortness of the time wherein it was done; & forasmuch as by the Labour & Industry of the Inhabitants there, the Nonresident proprietors unimproved Lands as well as the residents much increases in value but not subject to tax, y[r] Mem[o] in behalf of said Inhabitants & for their Ease & relief in support of the Gospell Ministry as well as town Charges among them prays they may be enabled to Assess a tax of one penny ℔ Acre on all the unimproved Lands in said plantat[n] or township for the space of three years next & that said Lands may be subjected to said tax

& forasmuch as by a mistake & for want of a true knowledge of Northfield Bounds in taking a plat of s[d] plantation the surveyor interfered with Northfield Grant so as to Include in s[d] plat the quantity of two or three thousand Acres of Land, for which Y[r] Mem[o] prays an Equivalent in other land as to the Justice of the Court shall seem meet, & shall Ever pray &c

Josiah Willard

In the House of Repret[ves] June 20[th] 1739. Voted that in Consideration of the Infant state of the said plantation there be & hereby is granted a tax of one [c]*half* penny in Bills of the [d]*New Tenour or three half pence in Bills of the* old tenour on each acre of the unimproved Lands within the said plantation or township to be paid by each proprietor yearly for the space of three years next comieng for, and towards the support of the Gospel Ministry there and the said Lands are subjected to the payment of said tax and forasmuch

as it is probable that the plat of said plantation or township returned to & confirmed by this Court infringes upon the township of Northfield Ordered that Eleazer porter Esq^{r} and Mr Eleazer partridge be & hereby are Appointed a Committee & impowred at the Charge of the Grantees to repair to the spot & survey the Lands belonging to the said township of Northfield and taken into the plat of the said plantation, & make return to this Court at their next Session of the Contents of the Land so platted & of their Opinion what may be proper for the Court to do thereon

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^{kr}

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D. dele
In Council June 20 1739
Read and Concurr'd with the Amendment
Sent down for Concurrence Simon Frost Dep^{t} Sec^{ry}

In the House of Rep^{ves} June 22^{d} 1739
Read and Nonconcurd, & the House insist on their own vote
sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^{kr}

In Council June 22, 1739
Read and Nonconcurr'd and the Board adhere to their own vote
Sent down for Concurrence J Willard Sec^{ry}

In the House of Rep^{ves} June 22^{d} 1739
Read & Concurd J Quincy Sp^{kr}
26: Consented to J Belcher

[*Petition of Josiah Willard, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 431.]

To His Ex^{cy} Jon^{a} Belcher Esq^{r} Cap^{t} Gen^{l} & Gov^{r} in Chief of y^{e} prov of the Mass^{a} Bay, the Hon^{ble} the Council & hon^{ble} H^{o} of Rep^{ves} in General Court assembled May 30, 1739

The Mem^{o} of the subscriber in behalf & by order of the proprietors or Grantees of a New township or plantation above North^{fd} in the C^{o} of Hampshire sometimes Called Arlington Humbly Shews

That forasmuch as they have complied with the Conditions of settling the said plantation Which they are ready to make Appear to yo^{r} Ex^{cy} & this hon^{ble} Court, they pray they may be allowed to prepare & bring in a Bill for incorporating the plantation into a seperate & distinct township, that so the Inhabitants thereof may hold & enjoy equal powers & privileges with the Inhabitants of the other towns of the province & as in duty bound shall pray &c

Josiah Willard

In the H^{o} of Rep^{ves} June 8, 1739. Read & ordered that the prayer of y^{e} pet^{n} be granted & y^{e} pet^{r} is allowed & impowred to prepare & bring in a Bill Accord^{ly}

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^{kr}

In Council June 9 1739 Read and Concurr'd,

Simon Frost Dep^{t} Sec^{ry}

15 : Consented to, J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, June 8, 1739.]

A Memorial of Col. *Josiah Willard*, in behalf and by order of the Proprietors or Grantees of a new Township or Plantation above *Northfield*, in the County of *Hampshire*, sometimes called *Arlington*, shewing they have complied with the Conditions of Settlement, and praying Leave to prepare and bring in a Bill for incorporating the said Plantation into a distinct Township. Read and *Ordered*, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted, and the Petitioner is allowed and impowred to bring a Bill accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 9, 1739.]

A Petition of Coll. Josiah Willard in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Plantation commonly called Arlington, Setting forth that they have performed the conditions of their Grant, and therefore Praying that they may be constituted a Township, and have the Powers and Privileges of other Towns within this Province.

In the House of Represent^{ves} Read and *Ordered* that the Prayer of the petition be granted, And the Petitioner is allowed and impowered to bring in a Bill accordingly.

In Council ; Read and Concur'd

Consented to J : Belcher

[*Winchester Incorporated as a Town, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 429.]

Anno Regni Regis Georgii Secundi Decimo Tertio

An Act for Erecting a Plantation In y^e^ County of Hampshire called Arlington into a Township by y^e^ Name of

Whereas the New Plantation of Arlington So Called in the County of Hampshire is Competently filled with Inhabitants have built a Convenient Meeting house & settled an Orthodox Minister & yett Labour Under Divers Inconveniencys and Difficultys for want of power to Exercise Town Privileges among them and have Adres'd this Court Seting forth the Same and praying for Relief therein.

Be it Enacted by His Ex^cly^ the Gov^r^ Councill and Representatives in Generall Court Assembled And by the Authority of the Same

That the Said Plantation of Arlington as the Same is hereafter bounded and Discribed be and hereby is Constituted and Erected into a distinct and Seperate Township by y^e^ name of

viz^t^ begining at a Certain heap of Stones on the East bank of Connecticutt River at the Uper end of Two Small Islands being the North West Corner and is now the South West Corner of the Township N^o^ 1 on y^e^ East Side of said River & from thence the line to Extend E 12° 00′ S Eight Miles & an half & Twenty perch to a heap of Stones then South Six miles one Quarter and fifty Two Rods to an heap of Stones Then West Two miles and an half To a white Pine Tree Marked from thence North Eighteen and an half Degrees West Three miles one Quarter and Sixty perches to a black oak Tree Marked then North one Mile and an half & fourty perch To a heap of Stones Then West Three miles & Three Quarters to the Connecticutt River & from thence To the Corner first mentioned bounding Westerly on Said River & to Include Said Two Islands, and that the Inhabitants thereof be and hereby are Vested and endowed with Equall Powers previledges and Imunitys as Generally Other Towns in this province have and do enjoy—

In the House of Rep^tives^ June-12-1739 Read a first time

13^th^ Read a second time, 14^th^ Read a third time and passed to be Engrossed

Sent up for Concurrence J Quincy Sp^kr^

In Council June 14 A. M. 1739 Read a first time P. M. a second time and passed a Concurrence J Willard

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[Mass. House Journal, June 12, 1739.]

A Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting a Plantation in the County of Hampshire called* Arlington *into a Township by the Name of*— Read a first time.

[Mass. House Journal, June 13, 1739.]

A Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting a Plantation in the County of* Hampshire, *called* Arlington, *into a Township by the Name of*— Read a second time.

[Mass. House Journal, June 14, 1739.]

A Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting a Plantation in the County of* Hampshire, *called* Arlington, *into a Township by the Name of*— Read a third time, and pass'd a Concurrence.

An Engross'd Bill Entitled *An Act for erecting a Plantation in the County of* Hampshire, *called* Arlington, *into a Township by the Name of*

Read and *Resolved* That the Bill pass to be Enacted.

[Mass. Court Records, June 14, 1739.]

A Bill entitled an Act for erecting a Plantation in the County of Hampshire called Arlington into a Township by the name of - - - - -; Having been read Three several times in the House of Representatives & there Pass'd to be Engross'd:

In Council: Read a First and Second time, and pass'd a Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 16, 1739.]

An Engross'd Bill entitled An Act for erecting a Plantation in the County of Hampshire, called Arlington, into a Township by

the name of - - - - - -; Having been read Three several times in the House of Represent^ves and in Council
Pass'd to be Enacted by both Houses.

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 433.]

In the House of Rep^ves June 18^th 1739
Ordered That Col^o Josiah Willard one of the principal Inhabitants of the New plantation or township called Arlington be, and hereby is allowed & impowred to Notifie & warn the Inhabitants of Said plantation to assemble & convene in some convenient publick place in said plantation to make choice of a town Clerk & other town officers to stand until the Anniversary Meeting in March next
Sent up for Concurrence — J Quincy Sp^kr

In Council June 18 1739
Read and Concurr'd — J Willard Sec'ry
Consented to: — [no signature]
Exam^d & Approv^d — Eben^r Burrill
[June 22, this order was repeated and signed by Gov. Belcher.]

UNLOCATED GRANTS

OF

NEW HAMPSHIRE TERRITORY

BY THE

GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,

OR

GRANTS WHICH CANNOT BE LOCATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ANY PARTICULAR TOWN.

UNLOCATED GRANTS.

[Grant to Valentine Hill.]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 49.]

To y^e^ Honred Gov^r^ Deputy Gov^r^ w^th^ y^e^ generall Courte now Assembled

The humble petetion of Valentine Hill sheweth, y^t^ whereas yo^r^ petetioner hath bought a parsill of land granted to Major generall gibons (in y^e^ time of his Captanshippe) by y^e^ generall Courte as by his sayle y^r^of will appeare, w^t^ land I have made Choyse of as ffoll:

By y^e^ upper & lower falls of lampreele River containeinge three hundred acres off land in y^e^ pine swampe above y^e^ upper ffall of y^e^ sayd River uppon y^e^ south side from y^e^ begininge off y^e^ eastermost end of the swampe alonge y^e^ River side in breadth one hundred & sixty rodd, & three hundred rodd in length by y^e^ sayd River side w^t^ makes three hundred Acres: Now my request is to this Hon^rd^ Courte y^t^ accordinge to my Choyse y^r^ s^d^ [torn] will be pleased to favour me soe ffar as by y^e^ power to confirme ye same to me & mine for ever, for w^t^ I shall bee ingaged & shall be ready to my power to serve you resting Yo^r^ humble petetioner to comm

17. 8. 49: Val: Hill

The Magistrates grant this petition w^th^ reference to the consent of o^r^ brethren the Deputies provided it be not w^th^in any former grant. And that the Deputies will appoint some sufficient & indifferent men for the Laying of it out according to the petitio^n^

Jo: Endecott Gov^r^

The depu^ts^ Consent heereto: so as the land menc'oned be not Controv^r^sall w^th^ Respect to dover: & desier y^t^ Hate Evill Nutter John Damme be Appointed to lay it out acordingly w^th^ Referenc to the Consent of our honoured magis^ts^ hereto.

Edward Rawson cler

[Grant to William Hubbard.]

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 14, 1656.]

In Ans^{r} to the peticion of m^{r} william Hubbard of Ipswich sen^{r}. The Court Judgeth it meete to Graunt him a thowsand acres of land in any place or places that he Cann finde lying out of any former Graunts or Touneships beyond Exitur River toward the East or North East to be laid out to him by m^{r} w^{m} Bartholmew m^{r} Thomas Bradbury & m^{r} Samuell Hall or any two of them this being in Sattisfaction of fivety pounds disbursed by him in England and also the land Graunted to him by this Court in the yeare 1652, w^{ch} he hath Resigned up to the Courts hands Againe /

[Mass. Court Records, May 6, 1657.]

wee whose names are heere under written being Appointed by the Generall Court held at Boston the 15th of October 1656, to lay out to m^{r} w^{m} Hubbard of Ipswich, senior one thousand acres of land in any place or places beyond exiter River East or North East, have Accordingly laid out the said land as ffolloweth viz upon the North side of Quochecha: River about eight or nine miles from the mills as wee Judg the noumber of eight hundred & ninety acres in a Pine swampe, begining at the westermost end of the said swampe at a great Red oake, marked on fower sides & from thence eighty Rods East & by South to a great white pine tree upon the westermost end of a great old Indian feild and from thence along the same line through the said feild three hundred and twenty Rod to a great Pine tree marked on fower Sides and from thence upon a North East line, two hundred and forty Rods to a great Pine tree upon the top of a hill marked on fower sides and from thence west and by North three hundred and twenty Rod to a Red oake marked on fower sides and from thence three hundred and twenty Rod to the first marked Red oake and upon the Eastmost end of the Aforesaid divicion two hundred Rod square upon each Corner bounded wth a great Pine tree marked on fower sides And the Remainder of the thousand acres laid out in two smale parcells of land on both sides the River that on the north side Conteyning about seventy Acres bounded wth the River & a great Hemlocke tree markt upon fower sides wth a T & a W &

three pine trees and a litle white oake all the trees markt on fower sides that parcell of land on the south side about forty acres bounded w^th^ the River and two Pine trees a hemlock & a beech all the trees markt on fower sides these two latter parcells lying about three or fower miles from the mills, upon Quochecho River as wee suppose all the said parcells Conteyning as Appears a thousand acres, Dated y^e^ 28^th^ of Aprill 1657

Samuell Hall
Thomas Bradbury

The whole Court mett together 15 may 1657. By theire vote they Allowed & Approoved of the eight hundred & ninety acres in a Pine Swampe as above is exprest laid out to m^r^ w^m^ Hubbard and to his heires forever and for the hundred & tenn Acres, exprest in the Retourne It was Voted to belong to y^r^ Secretary Edward Rawson & therefore he is at his liberty to lay so much as Compleats that Graunt according to the said Graunt /

[Decision of Court on Claim of Ann Mason.]

[Mass. Court Records, Aug. 30, 1653.]

The Courte Uppon examination of the case Respecting m^rs^ Ann Mason and m^r^ Richard Leader on A hearing of m^r^ Joseph Mason and m^r^ Thaddeus Riddan Agents and Attorneys for either partie Considering also the late Retourne of the committee touching the extent of the northerly line of theire Pattent Doe fynd that the lands Claimed in the right of Cap^t^ Jn^o^ mason and now possessed by m^r^ Richard Leader or others for or under him together with other the lands pretended unto, by m^rs^ Ann Mason are w^thin^ this Patent, And that m^r^ Joseph Mason as Attourney for and on the behalfe of m^rs^ Ann Mason as also most of the people there inhabitting have voluntarily submitted to the Jurisdiction of Government to this Colony of the Massachusetts. And that some lands at newitchawonnickewith the Rivers there was by agreement of s^r^ fferdinando Gorges and others Apportioned unto Cap^t^ Jn^o^ Mason and that he also hath right by purchase of the Indians to some lands there as also by possession and Improovement by building and otherwise. And that Capt John Mason did bequeath unto his wife m^rs^ Ann Mason During her life all lands & heredit-

taments not otherwise ꝑticculerly disposed of by his will And that the lands in Question betwixt mrs Ann Mason and mr Leader are not peticularly disposed of by Capt Jno Mason or otherwise then they are in the gennerall bequeath: in the will given to hir during hir life and that the sd lands possessed by mr Leader as aforesaid are pte of the lands disposed to the said mrs Ann Mason for terme of hir life. And doe therefore Judge, that mr Leader hath unjustly entred uppon and dispossessed mrs Anne Mason of that ꝑt of the River and of some lands where he hath erected A sawemill in his oune wrong And orders that a quantitie of land with priviledge of the River at newitchawannicke ꝑportionable to Capt Jno Masons disbursments be laid out by order of this Court to the use of mrs Ann Mason and other the heires of Capt Jno Mason.

And the Court Graunts the bill of Costs presented by mr Joseph Mason of sixe pounds tenn shillings and fower pence agt mr Richard Leader.

[Grant to Passaconoway.]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 30, p. 110.]

To the honred John Endecot esqr Govnr together with the rest of the honred Generall Court Now Assembled in Boston the petition of papisseconewa in the behalfe of him Selfe as also of many other Indians whoe were for a longe time or Selves and or progenators Seated Upon a tract of Land Called Naticot and is Now in the possetion of mr William Brenton of Rhode Island marshaule; and is confirmed to the saide mr Brenton to him' his heires and assignes ac'ordinge to the Lawes of this Jurisdiction (by reason of which tracte of Land beinge taken up as aforesaide) and thereby yr pore petitionr with many others in an Unsetled Condition and must be forced in a short time to remove to sum' other place:

The Humble request of yr pore petitionr is that this honrd Courte wolde please to grante Unto Us a parsell of Land for or com'fortable cituation; to be stated for or Injoyment: as also for the comfort of o's after Us; as also that this honrd Court wolde please to take into yr Serious and pious considration the condition and also the requeste of yr pore Supliante and to apoynte two or three

persons as a comitte to Assiste sum'e one or two indians to Vew and determ'in of sum' place and to Lay out the sam'e.

Not furder to trouble this hon^r^d Assem'bly hm'bly Craveinge an expected Answer this present Setions I shall Still remain y^r^ Humble Servante Wherein y^u^ Shall comande.

Boston: 9: 3^mo^ 1662: Papisseconewa:

In Ans^r^ to this peticon the magists Judge meete to Graunt Unto papisseconeway & his men or Associates about Natticott above m^r^ Brentons lands where it is free a mile & a halfe on either side merremack River in breadth a 3 miles on either side in length provided he nor they doe not Alienate any part of this Graunt w^th^out leave & licence from this Court first obtained if theire brethren the depu^ts^ Consent heereto

9 may 1662 Edward Rawson secre^t^

Consented to by the deputyes

William Torrey Cleric

[Grant to Bryan Pendleton.]

[Mass. Court Records, May 26, 1658.]

In Ans^r^ to the Peticion of Capt Byran Pendleton. The Court In Refferenc to his service ꝑformed w^th^ other Gent^n^ in taking in the Easterne parts &c The Court doth Graunt him two hundred acres of land on chochecha River above Dover bounds as neere to the land layd out to m^r^ Edward Rawson as may be to be laid out by m^r^ Edw Starbuck & Peter Coffyn.

[Grant to Edward Rawson.]

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 1, 1654.]

In Ans^r^ to the peticion of Edward Rawson. The Court in Reference to his service w^th^ other Gentm^n^ Imploied by this Court to wells &c. doth Graunt him the sd Edward Rawson two hundred ackers of upland and meadow out of all Toune bounds on Quochecho River above Dover Bounds and orders Capt Brian Pendleton & Peter Coffyn to lay it out.

[Mass. Court Records, May 15, 1657.]

wee whose names are under written being Appointed by the Generall Court to lay out two hundred acres of land for m^r^ Edward Rawson Secretary, have Donne accordingly as followeth. on the East side of Quochecho River wee have Ordered one hundred acres, begining at a beech tree neere the River marked as in the margent and from thence to Runne North ward fower score Rod and from the marked tree eastward two hundred Rods, and one hundred acres on the west side the River a litle below the Indian Path begining at a white Pyne marked as aforesaid and from thence to Runne Southward but Could not further Determine untill Dover hath layd out theire bounds, the afore path lyeth about three miles above Peter Coffyns house Dated this 4^th^ of may. ℔ us

Bryan Pendleton
Peter Coffyn:

The whole Court mett together 15^th^ of may 1657: by theire Generall vote Allowed and Approoved of the two hundred acres so laid out as abovesaid to y^e^ said Edward Rawson and his heires forever/

GRANTS

OF

NEW HAMPSHIRE TERRITORY

BY THE

GOVERNMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ACWORTH.

[This town was probably *Number* 3 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735–6. Granted by New Hampshire as *Burnet* to Col. Sampson Stoddard and others, Dec. 28, 1752, and named in honor of Gov. William Burnet. Regranted as *New Burnet*, Nov. 17, 1761, to Stoddard and others. Incorporated as Acworth (sometimes spelled *Ackworth*) Sept. 19, 1766, and named in honor of Lord Acworth. The charter was renewed May 30, 1772.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 1; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 1; Index to Laws, 9; History, by J. L. Merrill, 1869, pp. 306; sketch, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 19; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 419; History of the First Baptist Church, by Charles H. Eveleth, pp. 5; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 15.]

[Burnet Charter, 1752.]

*Province of New Hamp^{r} *1–123

Burnet

George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c^{a}—

To all Persons to whome these Presents Shall Come Greeting——

Know Ye that we of our Especial Grace Certain knowledge & Mere Motion for the Due Encouragement of Settleing a New Plantation within our said Province by & with the Advice of our Trusty & wellbeloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province of New Hampshire in America and of our Council of the Said Province have upon the Conditions & Reservations hereafter made Given & Granted and by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto our Loveing Subjects Inhabitants of our Said Province of New Hampshire & his Maj^{tys} other Governments and to their heirs & Assignes for ever whose names Are Entered on this Grant to be Divided to and Amongst them into Seventy Seven Equal Shares All That Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our Province of New Hampshire Containing by admeasurement Twenty Three thousend & forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six Miles Square & no more out of which an allowance is to be made for highways and Unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Mountains Ponds & Rivers One

thousand & forty Acres free According to A Plan thereof made & Presented by our Said Governours orders and hereunto Annexed Butted and Bounded as follows (Viz) begining at A Stake & Stones & runs North two degrees West Six Miles & an half to A Stake & Stones the South West Corner of Buckingham from thence run'ing East by the Needle five miles & Three quarters to a Stake & Stones from thence South by the Needle Six Miles & an half to A Stake & Stones, from thence West by the Needle five Miles & three quarters to the bounds first mentioned *And* that the Same be & is incorporated into a Township by the Name of *Burnet* and that the Inhabitants that do or Shall hereafter Inhabit Said Township Are hereby Declared to be Enfranchized with and Entituled to all & Every the Previledges & Immunities that other Towns within our Said Province by Law Exercise & Enjoy and further that the Said Town as Soon as there Shall be fifty families Settled & resident thereon Shall have the Liberty of Holding two fairs one of which Shall be held on the
*1-124 And the other On the Annually *which fairs are not to Continue & be held Longer than the Respective following the Said Respective Days and as Soon as the Said Town Shall Consist of fifty families A Market Shall be opened & kept one or more Days in Each Week as may be tho[t] most Advantagious to the Inhabitants also that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers Agreable to the Laws of our Said Province Shall be held on the first Tuesdays in march next which meeting Shall be Notifyed by Sampson Stoddard Esq who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the Said first Meeting which he is to Notify And Govern Agreable to the Laws & Customs of our Said Province and that the Annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of Such Officers of said Town Shall be on the first Tuesday in March Annually *To have & to hold* the Said Tract of Land as above Expressed Togeather with all the Previledges & appurtenances to them & thier Respective Heirs and assignes for ever upon the following Conditions (Viz) that every Grantee his heirs or Assigns Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres Contained in his or thier Share or Proportion of Land in the Said Township And Continue to Improve & Settle the Same by Additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant or Share in the Said Township And its Reverting to his Majesty his heirs And Successors to be by him or them Regranted to Such of his Subjects as Shall effectually Settle & Cultivate the

Same That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting Our Royal Navy be Carefully Preserved for that Use & none to be Cutt or felld without his Majestys especial Lycence for So Doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of Such Grantee his heirs Or assignes to us our hiers & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of Any Act or Acts of Parliament that now Are or hereafter Shall be Enacted That before Any Division of the Said Land be made to And Amoungst the Grantees A Tract of Land as near the Center of the Township as the Land will Admit of Shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lotts one of which Shall be allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre Yield^{g} and Paying there for to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of Ten years to be Computed from the Date hereof the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only on the first Day *of January *1–125 Annually if Lawfully Demanded the first payment to be made on the first Day of January 1754 And every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall Yield & Pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year for ever from & after the Expiration of the Ten Years from the Date hereof Namely on the first Day of January which will be in the Year of Our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & Sixty four One Shilling Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he So owns Settles or Possesses and so in Proportion for A Greater or A Lesser Tract of the Said Lands which money Shall be paid by the Respective Persons above Said their heirs or Assigns in Our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as Shall be Appointed to Recieve the Same And this to be in Lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever In Testimony hereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province the Twenty Eighth of December in the Year of our Lord Christ 1752 and the 26th Year of our Reign ——

Province of New Hampshire
Entered & Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal the 30th Day of December 1752

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

The Names of the Grantees of Burnet (Viz)

Sampson Stoddard,	Daniel Emerson,	James Stewart,
Francis Worster,	David Nevins,	Jonathan Taylor,
Amos Phillips,	Peter Wheeler,	Jonah Brown,

David Willson Joshua Boyonton, Isaac Farwell,
Robert Colburn, James Whiting William Nevins,
John Boyenton jun^{r}, John Martin, John Martin jun^{r},
Thomas Nevins Zedekiah Drury, William Tinney,
Steven Harris, Will^{m} Spaulding, Jonathan Lovejoy,
Joseph French, Moses Thurston, Nathaniel Townshend jun^{r}
Samuel Brown, Benjamin Farley, Samuel Farley,
Stephen Powers, Randal McDoniel, Thomas Patch,
James McDoniel, Peter Powers, Jeremiah Lawrence,
Will^{m} Adams Benj^{a} Parker, Peter Powers jun^{r}
William Cummings, Amasa Parker, David Hubbard,
Elnathan Blood, John Lovewell jun^{r}, Jonathan Cumings,
*1–126 Thomas Read, *John Usher, Samuel Greele,
Robert Usher, Jon^{a} French John Combs,
James Whitney, William Lawrence, Samuel Searls,
Jonathan Cumings jun^{r}, Ephraim Adams, John Troth,
Benjamin French, Allexander Black, Samuel Cumings
Zepheniah Harte, Roland Cotton, Henry Sherburne,
Samuel French, Richard Wibird, Ellis Huske,
Theodore Atkinson, John Downing, Samuel Solley,
Samuel Smith, Sampson Sheaffe,

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A Tract of Land to Contain five hundred Acres which is to be Accounted two of the within Mentioned Shares, one whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Parts One whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in Said Town, One whole Share for A Glebe for the Ministry of the Church of England as by Law Established

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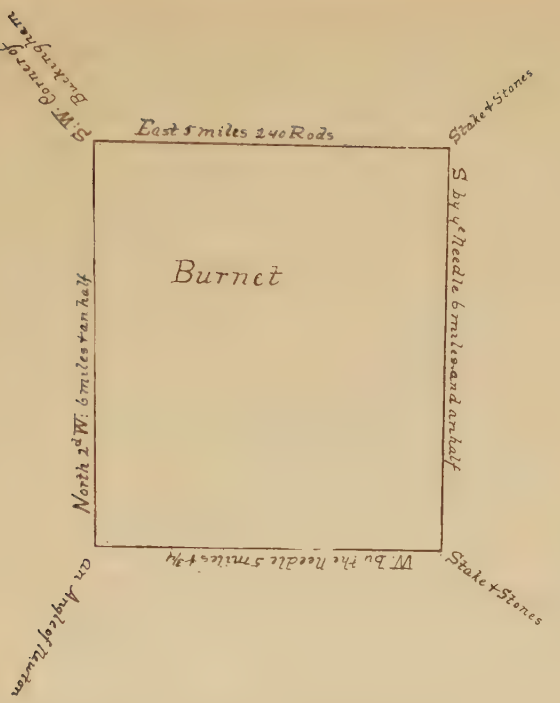
S.W. Corner of Barkingham
East 5 miles 240 Rods
Stake & Stones
S by E Needle 6 miles and an half
Burnet
North 2d W. 6 miles wan half
W. by the Needle 5 miles 1/4
On Hartley Town
Stake & Stones

Taken from the Back of the Originall Charter the 30th Day of December 1752

℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry

[New Burnet Charter, 1761.]

*Province of New Hampshire. *2–337

New Burnet

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GEORGE, the Third,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting——

Know Ye, that We, of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the

Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement Twenty Three Thousand & Forty *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at a Stake & Stones, & Runs North two Deg^{s} West, Six Miles & a half to a Stake & Stones the south West Corner of Buckingham a Town formerly Granted, from thence Runing East by the Needle, Five Miles & Three Quarters to a Stake & Stones, From thence south by the Needle Six Miles & a half to a Stake & stones, From thence West by the Needle five Miles & Three Quarters to the Bounds first Mention'd

And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of *New Burnett* And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the
annually, which fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty
*2–338 Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said

Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday in Decem^r next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Sampson Stoddard Esq^r who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of Two Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefore to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of four Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, 1762.

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of four Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1766 *One*

shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in Portsmouth, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 17th Day of Novemr In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One And in the Second Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command
With Advice of COUNCIL.
Theodore Atkinson Secry

Province of New Hampsr Novr 17, 1761
Recorded According to the Origional Charter under the Province seal—

℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry

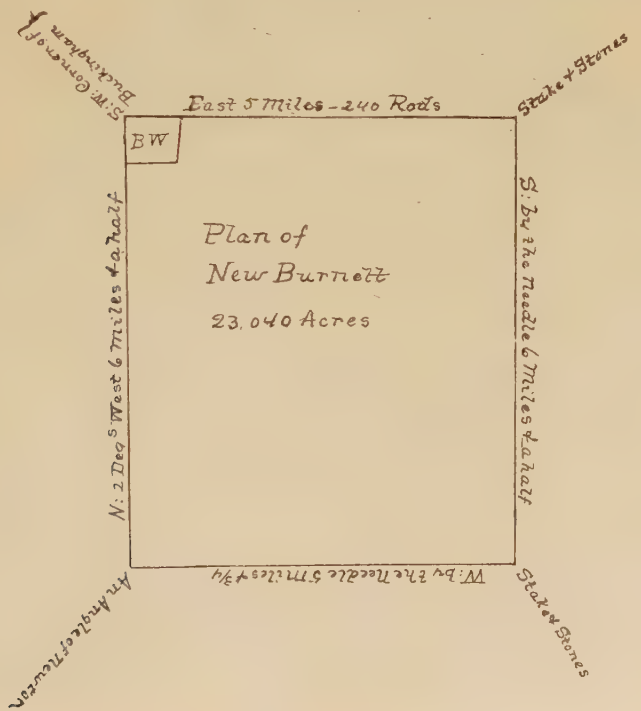
*2–339 *The Names of the Grantees of New Burnett (Viz)

Sampson Stoddard	Danl Emerson	Francis Worster
David Nevins	Jona Butterfield	Amos Phillips
Benja Abbot	Josiah Brown	Joshua Boynton
Robert Fletcher	William Nutting	Thomas Nevin
John Boynton Junr	James Blood	Samuel Bowers
Zedekiah Drury	Willm Wright	Willm Spaulding
Jona Fowler	Saml Brown	Mattw Thornton Esq
Nathl Townshend	Stephn Powers	Oliver Fletcher Junr
Saml Farley	Nathl Merriel	Benja Parker
Nathl Parker	Jona Blanchard	Amasa Parker
David Hubbard	Thos Cowan	John Lovewell Junr
Jona Cumings	Robert Usher	John Usher
Saml Greele	John Combs	Jona Cumings Junr
Willm Lawrence Esq	Benja French	Ephm Adams
John Searls	John Harvell	Abel Lawrence
Saml Cumings	Saml Caldwell	Roland Cotton
Theodore Atkinson Esq	Richard Wibird Esq	John Downing Esq
Sampson Sheafe Esq	Willm Sims	George Jaffery Esq

Lieu[t] John Parker Joseph Blanchard Esq Benning Wentworth
Maj[r] John Wentworth Esq Sam[l] Wentworth Maj[r] Jon[a] Greeley
Tho[s] Smith Sam[l] Wentworth Esq, Boston

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked B– W– in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares, One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospell in Foreign Parts, One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established, One Share for the First Settled Minister of the Gospel & One Share for the Benefit of a School in said Town—

Province of New Hampshire Novem[r] 17. 1761
Recorded from the Back of the Origional Charter of New Burnett under the Province Seal—
Attested ℘ Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]


S.W. Corner of Bucklingham
East 5 Miles – 240 Rod's
Stake & Stones
B W
Plan of
New Burnett
23,040 Acres
S: by the Needle 6 Miles & a half
N: 2 Deg[s] West 6 miles & a half
W: by the Needle 5 Miles & ¾
Stake & Stones
Northeast Corner

Province of New Hamps^r^ Novem^r^ 17. 1761
Recorded from the back of the Origional Charter of New Burnett under the Province Seal—

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry^

[Acworth Charter, 1766.]

*3–142 Acworth

*Province of New Hampshire.

GEORGE, the third,
By the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.
To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting——

Know Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our Council of the said Province; Have, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy One equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement 23040 *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* beginning at a stake & Stones & runs North two Degrees West Six miles and an half to a Stake & stones the South West Corner of Unity, from thence running East by the Needle five miles & three Quarters to a stake & stones from thence S° by the Needle six miles & an half to a Stake & Stones from thence West by the Needle five miles & ¾ to the bounds first mention'd.

And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of *Ackworth* And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchised with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the second Tuesday in October And the other on the second Tuesday in May annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective Days following the said Tuesday and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the second Tuesday in October next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Col° Sampson Stoddard who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following conditions, viz. *3-143

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Succesors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special License for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1766.

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1776 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 19th Day of Septr In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six And in the Sixth Year of Our Reign. 1766.—

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command
With Advice of COUNCIL,
T. Atkinson Junr Sec'ry.—

Province of New Hampshire Septr 19th 1766
Recorded according to the Original Pattent under the province seal

℔ T Atkinson Jun Secry

*3–144 *The Names of the Grantees of Acworth.—

Colo Sampson Stoddard	William Stacey	John Byam
Reuben Goold	Oliver Peirce	Samuel King
Jacob Farmer	Ebenezer Goold	David Brown

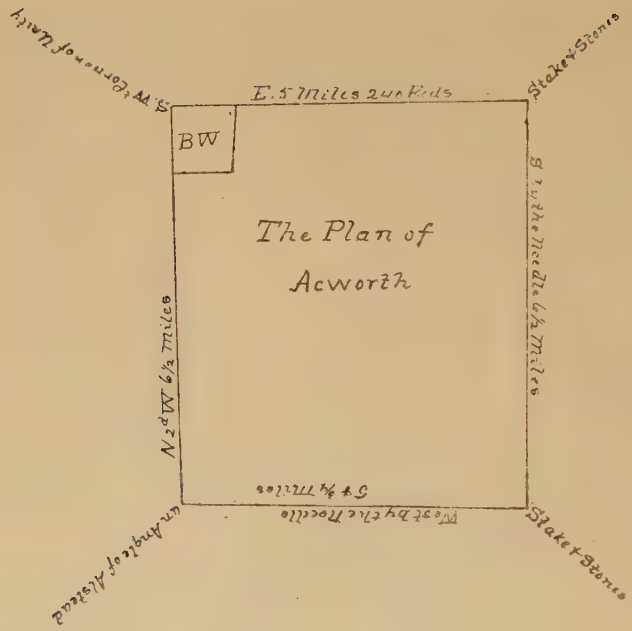
Moses Easterbrooks	Samp^{n} Stoddard Jun^{r}	Vryling Stoddard
Jonathan Blanchard	William Thompson	Timothy Dustin
Oliver Farwell	Oliver Farwell Jun^{r}	Nath^{l} Gearfield
John Hardy	James Blancherd	Ephraim Adams
Tho^{s} Davis	Reuben Killecutt	Augustus Blanchard
James Rodgers	David M^{c}Gregore	Ja^{s} M^{c}Gregore
Tho^{s} Craige	Robert Adams	Ja^{s} M^{c}Gregore Jun^{r}
Ja^{s} Miltimber	Alexander Clark	John Gilmore
Daniel M^{c}Fee	Edw^{d} Gold : Lutwyche	Samuel French
Stephen Powers	Will^{m} Robey	Jon^{a} Hardy
Tho^{s} Blancherd J^{r}	David Burge	Sam^{l} Barron
Benj^{n} Byam	Will^{m} Peirce	Jos'h Peirce
Benj^{n} Butterfield	Benj^{n} French	Matthew Thornton
Rob^{t} Fletcher	Sam^{l} Cumings	Moses Parker
Nath^{l} Butterfield	Wyseman Claggett Esq^{r}	Major Jn^{o} Wentworth
Sam^{l} Wentworth Esq^{r}	Hon^{ble} Ja^{s} Nevin	Will^{m} Parker Esq^{r}
Rev^{d} Ebenezer Bridge	Theod^{r} Atkinson } Esq^{rs}	Benning Wentworth
Col^{o} Jon^{a} Greely	Peter Livius	Lieu^{t} Jn^{o} Parker
George Jaffrey Esq^{r}	Col^{o} Will^{m} Simms Esq^{r}	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq^{r} a Tract of Land to Contain five hundred Acres as marked B W in the Plan which is to be accounted two of the within shares One whole share for the Incorporated Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts One share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by law established. One share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel. & one share for the benefit of a school in s^{d} Town for Ever.

Province of New Hampshire Sept^{r} 19th 1766.

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Acworth. under the province Seal

℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec^{ry}



Province of } Sept^r 19^th^ 1766
New Hamp^r }

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal—

T Atkinson Jun Sec^ry

[Acworth Charter Renewed, 1772.]

*1–435

L S.

Acworth

*Province of New Hampshire.

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting.

Whereas we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire by our Letters Patent or Charter under the Seal of our said province, Dated the

Nineteenth day of Sept[r] 1766, in the sixth year of our Reign, did grant a Tract of Land of Six Miles Square, bounded as therein expressed to a Number of our Loyal Subjects, whose Names are enter'd on the same, to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns on the Conditions therein declared to be a Town Corporate by the Name of ACWORTH as by referrence to the said Charter may more fully appear And whereas the said Grantees have preferred a Petition to our Governor of our said Province in Council specifying sundry difficulties which prevented their full compliance with the Terms of the Grant aforesaid; and it having been made to appear to our said Governor & Council (by an actual Inspection made and Returned, of the Settlements in said Acworth) that the said Township is in considerable forwardness towards a complete fulfillment of the Terms aforesaid; the said Grantees therefore Pray'd some further Time to accomplish the same: all which being duly Considered.

KNOW YE, that we being willing to encourage and promote the Cultivation & Settlement of the said Township, Have of our further Grace and favour suspended our claim of the forfeiture which the said Grantees may have Incurred, & by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors (by and with the advice of our Trusty and well-beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq[r] our Governor & Commander in chief of our said Province, & of our Council of the same) do grant *unto the said Grantees, their *1–436
Heirs and Assigns the further Term of Two Years from the date of this Grant for performing and fulfilling the Conditions Matters and things by them to be done as aforesaid; EXCEPT the Quit Rents which are to remain due and payable as expressed and reserved in the Original Grant or Charter of said Acworth.

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our Governor & Commander in Chief aforesaid, the Thirtieth day of May—in the Twelfth year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J' Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command
With advice of Council—
Theodore Atkinson Sec[y]

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal the 30[th] day of May 1772.
Attest[r]

[GRANT TO SAMUEL FITCH, 1772.]

*4–108 *Province of New Hampshire.

{ Sam[l] Fitch Esq[r] his Grant. } GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britian France & Ireland KING Defender of the Faith, &c.

{ L. S. } TO ALL to whom these Presents shall Come GREETING.

KNOW YE, that we of our special Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling and cultivating our Lands within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid by & with the Advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq[r] Our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province, and of our Council of the same HAVE (upon the Conditions & Reservations herein particularly recited & express'd) given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do give and grant unto our leige & loving Subject SAM[l] FITCH Esq[r] our Advocate General for our Province of Massachusetts Bay, and to his Heirs & Assigns for Ever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing by Admeasurement FIVE HUNDRED Acres, Situate, lying and being within the Township of ACWORTH in our said Province of New Hampshire, as by a plan or Survey thereof, (exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province, by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto Annexed) may more fully and at large appear, butted & bounded as follows, Viz[t] Beginning at a hemlock Tree standing in the Easterly Line of Charlestown, from thence running East Two hundred & Eighty one Rods to a Beech Tree, thence South Two hundred & Ninety four Rods to a Stake & Stones, thence West Two hund[d] & Sixty Seven Rods to a Spruce Tree standing on the Easterly Line of Charlestown, from thence North Two Degrees west on said Line Two hundred & Ninety five Rods to the Bound first mentioned. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the said Samuel Fitch & to his Heirs & Assigns for Ever, upon the following Terms, Conditions & Reservations Viz[t]

FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make Passable for Carriages, &c. a Road of three Rods wide thro' the said
*4–109 Tract, *as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or Order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in One Year from the date of such Order or

Direction, on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors.

SECOND That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be Settled Two Familes in Four Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to any of our loving Subjects who shall effectually Settle & Cultivate the same.

THIRD That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, & none to be cut or fell'd without our special License for so doing first had & obtained, on Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the Premises, his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTH That any part of the said Tract appearing to be well adapted to the growth of Hemp or Flax, the said Grantee shall sow & continue annually to cultivate a due proportion of the said Land not less than Five Acres, in every hundred Acres with that beneficial Article of Produce.

FIFTH That the said Grantee his Heirs & Assigns shall Yield & Pay unto us our Heirs and Successors Yearly and every Year for Ever from & After the expiration of One Year from the Twenty fifth day of December 1775, ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every hund^{d} Acres he so own Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Cham^{r} in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^{r} our aforesaid Governor & Comm^{r} in Chief the Twentieth day of August in the Twelfth Year of our Reign Annoq: Domini 1772.

J' Wentworth.

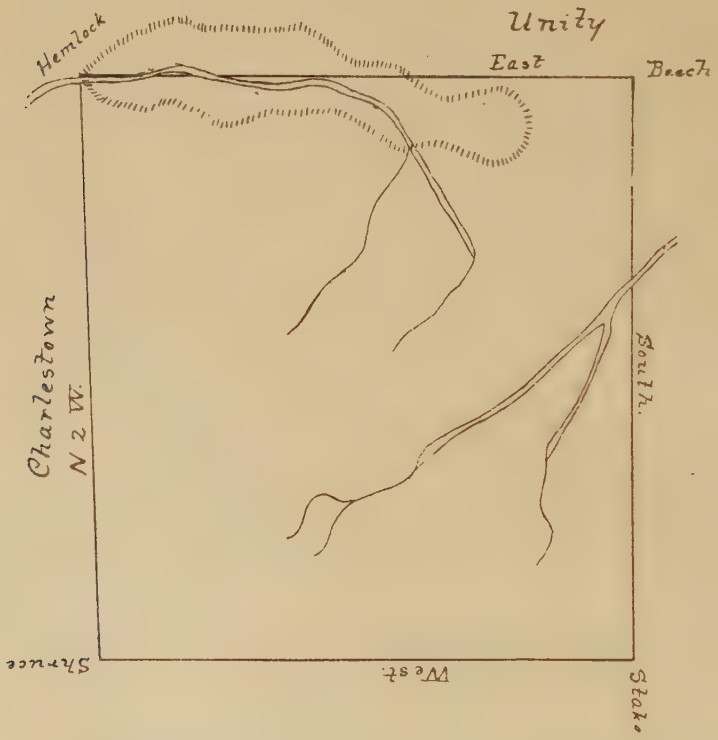
By his Excell^{cys} Command }
with advice of Council. }
Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

*Province of New } August 25th 1772.
Hampshire } Recorded according to the Original *4–110
Grant under the Province Seal.

Attest^{r} Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Province of New Hampshire. Portsm° 10th August 1772. These Certify that this Plan Beginning at a hemlock Tree standing on the Westerly line of Charlestown, from thence running E. 281 Rods to a beech Tree, thence South 294 Rods to a Stake and Stones, thence W. 267 Rods to a Spruce Tree standing on the Eastʸ Line of Charlestown, from thence North 2° W. on said Line 295 Rods to the bound first mentioned, Contains 500 Acres of Land & is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me ℔ Mʳ Elijah King Dʸ Surveyʳ

Attestʳ Is Rindge Survʳ Genˡ



ALBANY.

[Granted as *Burton*, Nov. 6, 1766, to Clement March and others. The line between *Burton* and Tamworth was established Dec. 30, 1796. *Burton* was taken from Grafton County and annexed to Carroll, Nov. 27, 1800. The name of the town was changed to Albany, July 2, 1833, probably for Albany, N. Y.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 7; Index to Laws, 15, 76; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 782; Land of the Lingering Snow, by Frank Bolles, 1891, Chocorua chapter; At the North of Bear Camp Water, by Frank Bolles, 1893; Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, p. 269; Was Chocorua the Original Pigwacket Hill? by C. E. Fay, 4, Appalachia, 322; The Mountains between Saco and Swift Rivers, by J. R. Edmands, 3, *id.*, 57; The Moat Path, by J. Worcester, 1, *id.*, 267; Mt. Passaconaway, by C. E. Fay, 6, *id.*, 302; The Waterville Valley, by A. L. Goodrich, 6, *id.*, 318; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 600; The White Mountains, A Guide to Their Interpretation, by J. H. Ward, 1890, p. 131; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 18.]

[Burton Charter, 1766.]

*Province of New-Hampshire. *3–158

Burton

GEORGE, the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know Ye, that We, of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our Council of the said Province; Have, Upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Six equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being

within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement Twenty three thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to contain about Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begin'ing at the middle of the West Side Line of Conway & from thence to run W^{t} untill the Line so Run W^{t} shall Intersect a Line run N^{o} from the N^{o} Easterly Corner of an Additional Grant to the Township of Sandwich thence by s^{d} Last mention'd Line S^{o} to the Addition of Sandwich afores^{d} & thence on to Tamworth, thence Easterly by Tamworth to the North East Corner thereof thence a Strait Line by the Township of Eaton to the North Westerly Corner of a Tract of Land granted to Officers Late in his Majesty's Service, thence by s^{d} Officers Lands to the South Westerly Corner of Conway then North 8^{ds} East by Conway to the bounds first mention'd And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of Burton And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty *3–159 Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday in December next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Walter Bryent Esq^{r} who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all

Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying thereof to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1767

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1777 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq;

Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Sixth Day of November In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six And in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

B. Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command
With Advice of COUNCIL,
T : Atkinson jr Secr'y

Prov : of New Hampshire 10th Novr 1766—
Recorded from the Original Pattent under the Province Seal
℔ T Atkinson Jun Secry

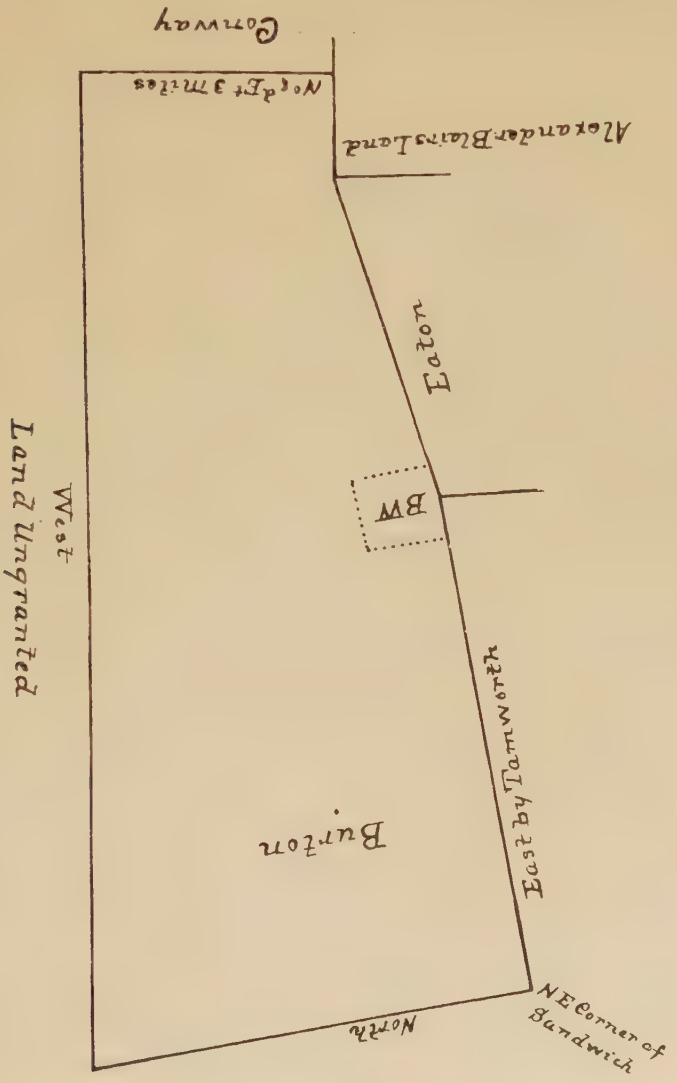
*3–160 *Names of the Grantees of Burton—

Clemt March Esqr	Walter Bryent Esqr	E'd Hall Bergin
Joseph Senter	Capt : Israel Gilman Jr	John Folsom
Saml Gilman	Nathl Tilton	Capt : Jeremh Folsom
Saml Senter	Bradstreet Gilman	Jeremh Folsom jr
Moses Senter	Jeremh Gilman	Jona Moulton Esqr
Reuben Senter	Simon Gilman	Josiah Moulton
Benjn Senter	Peter Folsom	Charles Rogers
Aaron Senter	Jeremy Bryent	Jas Rogers
Wm Butterfield	John Bryent	Ephraim Berry
Medad Combs	John Judkins	Willm Rogers
Winkel Wright	John Pike	Sl Tibbitts
Robt Flatcher	Nathl Roberson	Oliver Pevey
David Senter	David Gilman	Josiah York
Philip Fowler Junr	Stephen Mason	Zachh Foss
Jacob Fowler	Geo : Place	Joshua Furber
Hubartis Mattoon	John McDuffee	John Mason
Jacob Gilman	Lt John Burleigh	John Smart Jr
Saml Peas	Walter Bryent Jr Esqr	Giles Seaward
Capt : Israel Gilman	John Pickering	Jons Warner Esqr
Robt Barber	Sl Livermore Esqr	Paul March Esqr
Robt Pike	Edw'd Smith	Danl Pierce Esqr
	Theodore Atkinson jr Esqr	

Five Hundred Acres for his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr as mark'd B. W. in the Plan which is to be accounted two of the within Shares. one Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in sd Town. & One Share for the benefit of a school in sd Town for Ever—

Prov: New Hampshire Novem^{r} 10th 1766
Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Burton under the Prov^{e} Seal—

℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec^{ry}



Prov: of New Hampshire Novem 10th 1766
Copy of the Plan taken from the back of the Original Charter of Burton under the Province seal

℔ T Atkinson Jun Secry

[Grant to Samuel Haven, 1772.]

*4–84 *Province of New Hampshire.

L. S.

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting.

(Dr Haven's Grant.)

Know Ye that we of our special Grace certain knowledge & mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling and cultivating our Lands within our Province aforesaid by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esqr our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire & of our Council of the same, Have (upon the Conditions & Reservations herein particularly recited and expressed) given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our leige and loving Subject Samuel Haven of Portsmo in our County of Rockingham and Province aforesaid D. D. and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, situate, lying and being in our Province aforesaid, containing by Admeasurement Sixteen Hundred & Seventy Two Acres, being about Fifty Acres each to the number in the Family of the said Grantee, exclusive of, and out of which, an Allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Mountains, and Waters Six hundred and Seventy Two Acres free, according to a plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted & bounded as follows Vizt. Beginning at a Poplar Tree standing in the West Line of Conway, from thence running West Two Miles & Ninety five Rods to a Hemlock Tree, from thence North Two hundred and Twenty Six Rods to a Beech Tree standing on the bank of Saco Swift River, thence Northwest-

erly by said River Two hundred and Sixty five Rods to a Spruce Tree, then South Forty degrees West Three hundred and Sixty Rods to a Stake, thence South Thirty seven Degrees East Three hundred and Forty Two Rods to a Beech Tree standing in the Patent line, so called, from thence on said Patent Line as that runs about North Eighty four Degrees East, Three Miles and Thirty Two Rods to a Beech Tree, thence North Ninety five Rods to the bound began at.

*To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above *4–85
expressed to him the said Samuel Haven and to his Heirs
and Assigns for Ever upon the following Terms & Conditions, Viz[t]

First That the said Grantee shall cut clear and make passable for Carriages a Road of Four Rods wide through the said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or Order'd by the Governor & Council afores[d] which Road shall be completed in one Year from the date of such Order or Direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid, on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

Secondly That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Two Families in Six Years from the Date of this Grant, in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle and cultivate the same.

Thirdly That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

Fourthly That any part of the said Tract appearing to be well adapted to the growth of Hemp or Flax, the said Grantee shall sow & continue annually to cultivate a due proportion of the said Land, not less than Ten Acres in every hundred Acres with that beneficial Article of Produce.

Fifthly That the said Grantee his heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for ever from and after the expiration of Ten Years from the date of this Grant, One Shilling Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so Owns Settles or Possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or

Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same: And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

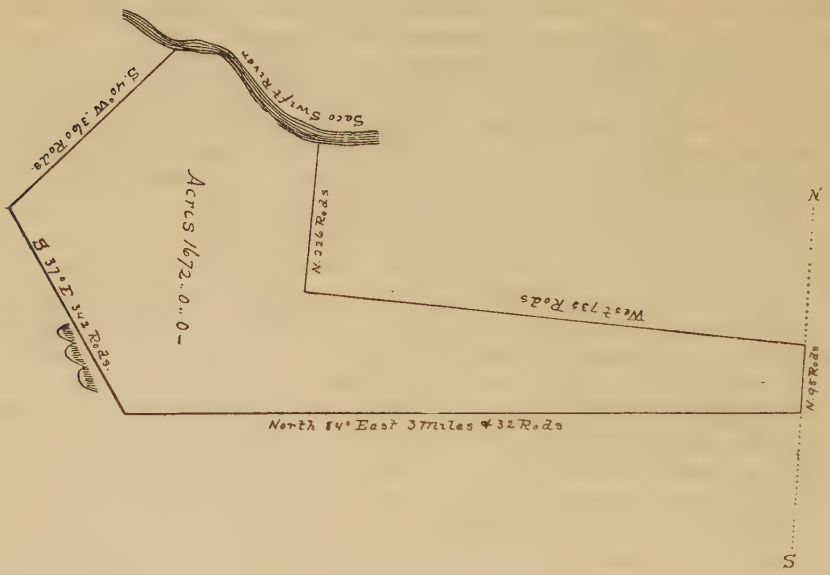
In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed Witness our Governor & Commander in Chief aforesaid, the Twelfth day of June, in the Twelfth year of our Reign, Annoque Domini 1772.

J' Wentworth.

*4–86 *By his Excellency's Command,
with advice of Council.
Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this 18th June 1772.

Attest Theodore Atkinson Secy



Province of New Hampshire. Portsm° 6th June 1772.

These Certify that this Plan Beginning at a Poplar tree, standing in the West line of Conway, from thence running West 2 Miles & 95 Rods to a hemlock Tree, from thence N° 226 Rods to a Beech Tree standing on the bank of Saco Swift River, thence

N. W^ly by said River 265 Rods to a Spruce Tree, thence S. 40° W. 360 Rods to a Stake, thence S. 37° E. 342 Rods to a Beech Tree standing in the Patent Line (so call'd), from thence on said Patent line as that runs about N° 84. E. 3 Miles & 32 Rods to a Beech Tree, thence North 95 Rods to the Bound began at. Contains 1672 Acres of Land, and is known by a Plan or Survey of said Tract taken & returned to me by Ebenezer Smith Esq^r Dep^y Surv^r

Attest. Is. Rindge S. G^l

[Grant to Daniel Rindge and Daniel Peirce, 1772.]

*4–185 *Province of New Hampshire } George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King defender of the Faith &c.

P S

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting.

Know ye that we of our special grace certain knowledge and meer motion for the due encouragement of settling and cultivating our Lands within Our Province of New Hampshire by and with the advice of our trusty and wellbeloved John Wentworth Esquire

D. Ringe & D Peirce Esq^rs

*4–186 our Governor and Commander in chief *of our said Province and of our Council of the same Have upon the conditions and reservations herein particularly recited and expressed given and granted by these Presents for Us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our liege & loving Subjects Daniel Rindge and Daniel Pierce both of Portsmouth in our County of Rockingham & Province aforesaid Esq^rs and to their respective Heirs and Assigns forever equally divided a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing by admeasurement Five thousand one hundred and fourteen Acres of Land situate lying and being in our Province aforesaid as by a Plan or Survey thereof (exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by Our said Governor's order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) may more fully and at large appear butted & bounded as follows viz^t——Begining at a Beech Tree standing southerly about forty Rods from the head of Saco Swift River so called from thence running South twenty degrees East two Miles and an half to a Hemloc Tree from thence North seventy degrees East One Mile

and eighty Rods to a Hemloc Tree from thence North sixty four degrees East Two Miles & one hundred and thirty two Rods to a Maple Tree from thence North thirty five degrees West two hundred and thirty six Rods to an Hemloc Tree from thence South seventy degrees West One mile & eighteen Rods to a Spruce Tree from thence North twenty degrees West one mile & three hundred and ten Rods to a Beech Tree from thence South seventy degrees West two Miles & two hundred & two Rods to a Spruce Tree, from thence South twenty degrees East one hundred & sixty Rods to a Birch Tree, from thence North seventy degrees East eighty Rods to the Bound first mentioned To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to them the said Daniel Rindge & Daniel Peirce Esquires and to their Heirs and Assigns forever upon the following Terms conditions and Reservations viz[t]

FIRST That the said Grantees shall cut clear bridge & make passable for Carriages &c a Road of three Rods wide through the said Tract as shall be at any time hereafter directed or ordered by the Governor & Council aforesaid which Road shall be completed in one Year from the date of such order or direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to Us our Heirs and Successors

*4–187 *SECONDLY That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Six Families in five Years from the date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premises to revert to Us Our Heirs and Successors to be by Us or them entered upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same

THIRDLY That all white and other Pine Trees fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use & none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to Us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament

FOURTHLY Yielding and paying therefor to Us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of March 1779 the Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded

FIFTHLY That the said Grantees their Heirs & Assigns shall yield & pay unto Us our Heirs & Successors yearly & every Year forever from & after the expiration of ten Years from the date of this Grant One Shilling proclamation Money for every hundred

Acres he so owns settles or possesses & so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever

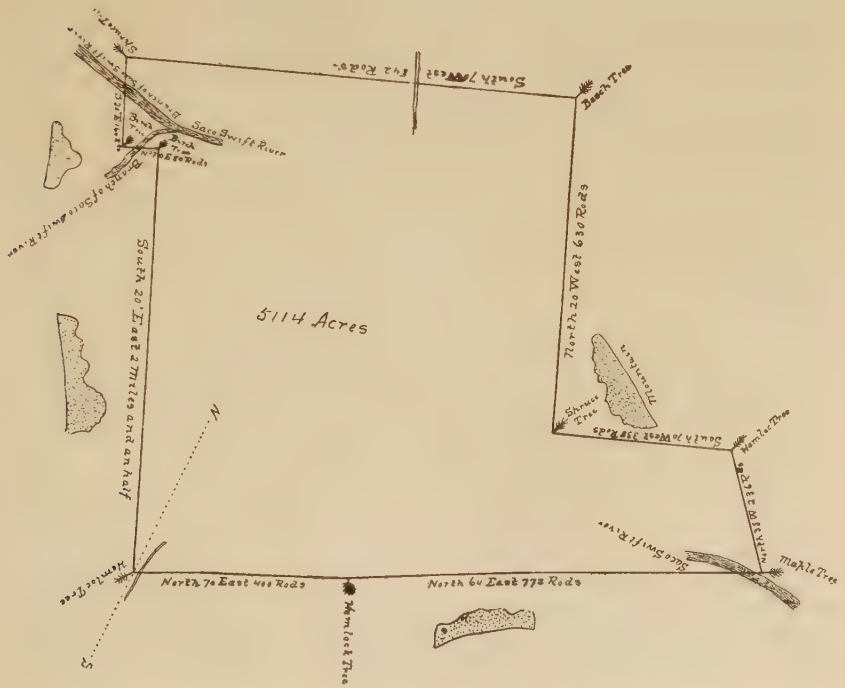
In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq^{r} our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief the twentieth day of April in the twelfth Year of our reign Annoque Domini 1772

J Wentworth

By his Excellency's command
with advice of Council

The words "equally divided" being interlind previous to signing & sealing

Theodore Atkinson Sec^{y}



Province of New Hampshire Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this eleventh day of February 1774

Attest[r] Geo: King D Sec[y]

Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth 20[th] April 1772—

These certify that this Plan begining at a Beech Tree standing southerly about forty Rods from the head of Saco swift River so called from thence runing South 20 degrees East Two miles and an half to an Hemloc Tree from thence North seventy
*4–189 degrees East one Mile & eighty Rods to *a Hemloc Tree from thence North sixty four degrees East Two Miles and one hundred and thirty two Rods to a Maple Tree from thence North Thirty five degrees West Two hundred and thirty six Rods to an Hemloc Tree from thence South seventy degrees West One Mile and eighteen Rods to a Spruce Tree from thence North twenty degrees West One Mile and three hundred and ten Rods to a Beech Tree from thence South seventy degrees West two Miles & two hundred and two Rods to a Spruce Tree, from thence South twenty degrees East One hundred and sixty Rods to a Birch Tree from thence North seventy degrees East eighty Rods to the Bound first mentioned contains five thousand one hundred & fourteen Acres of Land and is a true Copy of an original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken and returned to me by Ebenezer Smith Esq[r] Dep[y] Surveyor

Attest Is: Rindge S G[l]

Copy examined by Geo: King Dep[y] Sec[y]

[Grant to Joseph Senter, 1771.]

*1–387 *Province of New Hamp[r] } George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c[a].—

L. S.

To all whom these Presents shall come Greeting—

Whereas we have tho[t] fit by our Proclamation at S[t] James's the 7[th] Day of October in the third Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1763 among other Things to testify our royal Sence & Approbation of the Conduct & Bravery of the officers & Soldiers of our Armies & Signified Our Desire to reward Senter's Grant.

the Same & have therein Com'anded & Impowered our Several Governors of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without Fee or reward to such reduced officers as have Served in North America during the late War & to such Private Soldiers as have been or Shall be disbanded there & shall personally apply for the same Such quantities of Land respectively as in & by our afores[d] Proclamation are Perticularly mentioned, Subject nevertheless to the Same Quit Rents and Conditions of Cultivation & Improvement as other our Lands are Subject to in the Province in which they are granted And Whereas Joseph Senter of Meridith in our Said Province Gen[t] had our appointment as Leiutenant & served during the late War & is now reduced & he having Personally apply[d] & Solicited for Such Grant agreable to our aforesaid in Part recited Proclamation—KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain Knowledge & mere motion do Signify our approbation as aforesaid & for encouraging the Settlem[t] & Cultivation of our Lands within our Said Province of New Hampshire in New England have by & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved John Wentworth Esq our Govern[r] & Com'ander in Chieff of our s[d] Province & of our Council of the Same agreable to our afores[d] Proclamation & upon the Conditions & reservations hereafter mentioned given & granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do give & grant unto the Said Joseph Senter & unto his Heirs & assigns forever a Certain Tract or parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within Our Said Province containing by Admeasurement Two Thousand five Hundred & fifty Acres as by A Plan & Survey of the s[d] Tract exhibited by our Surveyer General of Lands for our s[d] Province by our Said Governours order & returnd into the Secretarys office of our s[d] Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) may more fully appear Butted & bounded as follows (viz)—begining at a Beach Tree standing in the West line of Conway which Tree is the South Easterly Corner Bounds of a Tract of Land lately laid out for Major Samuel Hale, from thence Running West one Mile & sixty rods to a red Oake Tree, from thence running South Thirty Eight degrees West one Mile & Two hundred & forty four rods to a Hemlock Tree standing on the northerly Side of Saco swift River so called, from thence South Two Hundred rods to a Hemlock Tree, from thence East Two Miles & Ninety four rods to a Poplar Standing in Conway West Line, from thence North two miles to the Bounds began at TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the Said Joseph & to his Heirs

& assigns forever upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations (Viz)

first That the Said Grantee shall cut clear & make Passable for Carriages &c[a] a Road of Three rods wide thro' the Said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or ordered by the Governour & Council aforesaid which road is to be compleated in one Year from the Date of such Order or Direction of the Govern[r] & Council aforesaid on the Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors.

2[dly] That the Said Grantee shall settle or cause to be Settled five families in Three Years from the Date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premisses to revert to us our heirs & successors to be by us or them entered upon & regranted to such of our Sub-
*1-388 jects as Shall *Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same—

3[dly] That all white and Other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use & none to be Cutt or felld without our Special Licence for so doing first had & obtaind on Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee in the Said Tract of Land his hirs & Assignes to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalies prescribed by any Present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament—

4[ly] Yielding & paying therefor to us our Heirs & Successors on or before the first Day of January 1773 the rent of one ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded—

5[ly] That the S[d] Grantee his Heirs & Assigns shall Yield & Pay unto us our Heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year for ever from & after the Expiration of Ten Years from the Date of this Grant which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ 1781 one Shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses & So in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid which Money Shall be paid by the respective Proprietors or Settlers in Our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to Such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to receive the Same and these to be in Lieu of all other rents & Services whatsoever

In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of our s[d] Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness John Wentworth Esq our afores[d] Governor & Commander in Chieff the 20[th] Day of November in the Twelfth Year of Our Reign Annoque Domini 1771

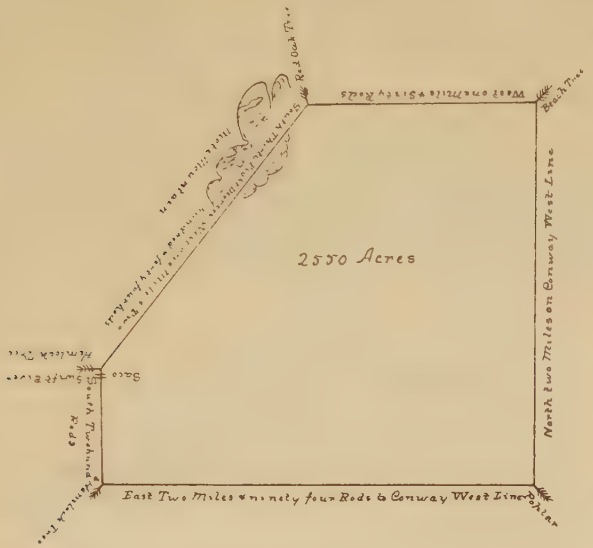
J Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and }
with advice of Council }

Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]

Recorded according to the Original Patent under the Province Seal the 21st Day of December 1771—

Attest[r] Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]



Province of New Hampshire Portsm[o] 20th November 1771

These may Certify that This Plan begining at a Beach* Tree standing in the West Line of Conway which Tree is *1–389 the South Easterly Corner Bounds of a Tract of Land lately laid out for Maj[r] Samuel Hale from thence runing West one Mile & Sixty Rods to a red oak Tree, from thence runing South Thirty Eight degrees West one Mile & two Hundred & forty four rods to a Hemlock Tree Standing on the Notherly Side of Saco swift River so called from thence runing South two Hundred rods to an Hemlock Tree, from thence runing East Two Mile & Ninety four rods to a Poplar Standing in Said Conway West Line from thence North two Miles to the Bound first began at contains two Thousand five Hundred & fifty Acres of Land & is a True Copy of an original Plan or Survey of Said Tract of Land as taken & returned to me by Ebenez[r] Smith Esq Deputy Survey[r]

Attest[r] Is—Rindge

ALSTEAD.

[This was probably *Number* 4 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735–6. Granted by New Hampshire as *Newton*, Dec. 28, 1752, to John Towle and others. Regranted Aug. 6, 1763, to Samuel Chase and others, and incorporated as Alstead. The charter was renewed Jan. 24, 1772.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 5; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 21; Index to Laws, 17; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 114; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 73; historical sermon, by Seth S. Arnold, 1826, pp. 48; *id.* with additions, 1836; Paper Mill Village, A Historical Sketch; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 11; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 247, 250, 253.]

[Newton Charter, 1752.]

*1–119 Newton

*Province of New Hamp[e]

George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c.

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To all Persons to whom these Presents Shall Come Greeting

Know Ye that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & mere motion for the Due Encouragement of Settling a New Plantation within our Said Province by & with the advice of our Trusty & Wellbeloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour And Commander in Chieff of our Said Province of New Hampshire in America and of our Council of the Said Province Have upon the Conditions & Reservations hereafter made Given & Granted and by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto our Loveing Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and his Majesties other Governments and to thier heirs and assigns for Ever whose names are Entered on this Grant to be Divided to & Amongst them into Sixty Eight Equal Shares All that Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our Province of New Hampshire Containing by Admeasurement Twenty three thousand & forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six Miles Square & no more out of which an allowance is to be made for highways & unimprovable Lands by

Rocks mountains Ponds & Rivers One thousend & forty Acres free According to A Plan thereof made & Presented by our said Governours Orders & hereunto Annexed Butted & bounded as follows (Viz) Begining at the North Easterly Corner of Walepole from thence South by the Needle Six Miles & Thirty two Rods to A Stake & Stones the North West Corner of Boyle from thence East by the Needle five Miles Two hundred & fifty six Rods to A Stake & Stones from thence North by the Needle Six Miles & one hundred and ninety Two rods to A Stake & Sones from thence West by the Needle three Miles & two hundred & Eighty Eight Rods to a Stake & Stones from thence South One hundred & Sixty Rods to a Stake & Stones from thence West by the Needle one mile & two hundred & Eighty Eight Rods to the bounds first mentioned And that the Same be & is incorporated into a Township by the Name of Newton and that the Inhabitants that do or shall *hereafter Inhabit said Township Are hereby *1–120 Declared to be Enfranchized with and Entituled to all & every the Priviledges and Immunitys that Other Towns within our said Province by Law Exercize & Enjoy And further that the Said Town as soon as there Shall be fifty families Resident & Settled thereon shall have the Liberty of holding two fairs one of which Shall be held on the . And the Other on the Annually which fairs are not to Continue & be held Longer than the Respective days following the Said Respective days and as soon as the said Town Shall Consist of fifty families A Market Shall be Opened & kept one or more Days in Each Week as may be thoᵗ most Advantagious to the Inhabitants Also that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers Agreable to the Laws of our said Province Shall be held on the first Wednesday in March Next which Meeting Shall be Notifyed by John Fowle who is hereby Also Appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting which he is to Notify & Govern Agreable to the Laws & Customs of our said Province And that the Annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers of said Town Shall be held on the first Wednesday in March Annually To HAVE & to hold the Said Tract of Land as Above Expressed Togeather with All the Previledges and Appurtenances to them & thier Respective heirs and Assignes forever upon the following Conditions (Viz) That every Grantee his heirs or Assignes shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres Contained in his or their Share or Propotion of Land in the Said

Township and Continue to Improve and Settle the Same by Additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the Said Township & its Reverting to his Majesty his heirs and Successors to be by him or them regranted to Such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually Settle and Cultivate the Same That All white & Other Pine Trees within the Said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be Carefully Preserved for that Use And none to be Cutt or felld without his Majestys Especial Lycence for so Doing first had & obtaind upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of Such Grantee his heirs or Assigns to us our heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now Are or hereafter
*1-121 Shall be Enacted *That before Any Devission of the Said Lands be made to & Amongst the Grantees A Tract of Land as Near the Center of the Township as the Land will Admit of Shall be Reserved & Marked out for Town Lotts one of which Shall be Allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of One Acre Yielding and Paying there fore to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of Ten Years to be Computed from the Date hereof the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only on the first Day of January Annually if Lawfully Demanded the first payment to be made on the first Day of Jan^{ry} one thousand Seven hundred & fifty four— And every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant Shall Yield & Pay unto us Our heirs & Successors Yearly And every Year for ever from & After the Expiration of the Ten Years from the Date hereof—Namely on the first Day of January which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & Sixty four One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses & So in Proportion for a Greater or Lesser Tract of the said Land which Money shall be paid by the Respective Persons above said their heirs or assigns in our Council Chamber Portsm^{o} or to such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to recieve the same and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever In Testimony hereof We have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Govern^{r} and Commander in Chieff of our Said Province the 28th Day of Decemb^{r} in the Year of our Lord Christ 1752 & in the 26th year of Our Reign

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Comand
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Entered & Recorded According to the Original under the Prov Seal this 30th Day of December 1752—

℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry

The Names of the Grantees of Newton—(Viz)

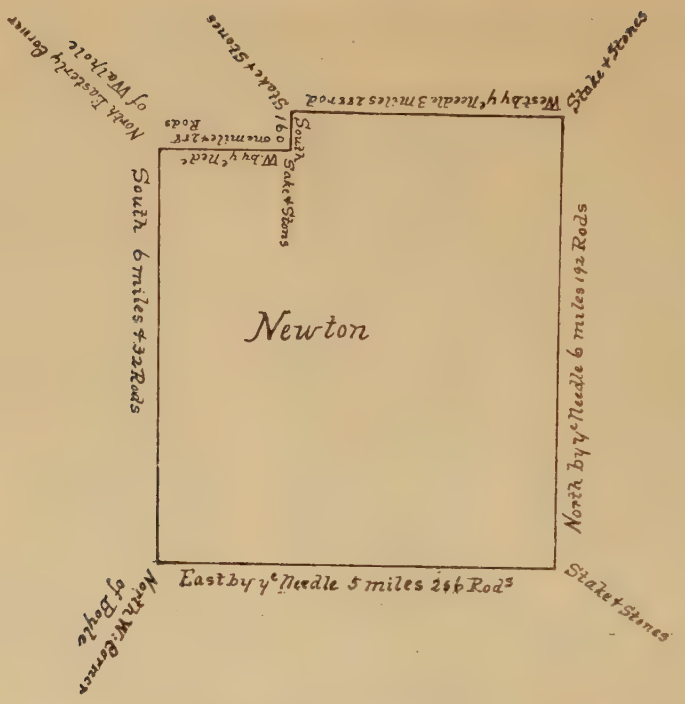
John Fowle,	Josiah Convers,	John Skinner,
Jona Bradish,	Benjamin Belknap	Roland Cotton,
John Hill,	Isaac Kidder,	William Dunlop,
Caleb Brooks,	John Martin,	Noah Richardson,
Nathan New Hall,	Francis Whitmore,	Ebenezer Frances,
William Whitmore,	Abiel Richardson,	Seth Blodget,
Unite Moseley,	William Marwell,	Samuel Servis,
Benjamin Furnice,	William Crombie,	Nathaniel Wales,
Joseph Scott,	Ebenezer Field,	Archibald McNeal,
Robert Hill,	John Douglass,	Francis Shaw,
William Fisher,	Timothy Winchip,	John Fulton,
*David Whiteing,	Thomas Draper,	William Field, *1–122
Samuel Winchip,	Samuel Smith,	John Bathrick,
David Comey,	Jonathan Bryant,	Jason Winchip,
Joseph Newhall,	Jacob March,	Thomas Bennet,
John Bishop,	Thos Lambert,	Ebenezer Shattuck,
James Pigze,	Isaac Phillebrows,	Thomas Parker,
Ebenezer Bridge,	John Varnum,	Nathaniel Russell
Caleb Trowbridge,	James Hills,	John Marshall,
John Sterns	Timothy Taylor	Joshua Hamblet,

Joseph Blanchard junr Eleazer Blanchard, William Symes,

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A Tract of Land to Contain five hundd Acres which is to be Accounted Two of the within mentioned Shares, One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Forreign Parts, One whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in Said Town, One whole Share for A Glebe for the Ministry of the Church of England as by Law Established

Entered & Recorded from the back of the Charters of Newton the 30th Day of December 1752—

℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry


Newton
South 6 miles 132 Rods
North by y^e Needle 6 miles 192 Rods
East by y^e Needle 5 miles 266 Rod^s
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South Stake & Stones
W. by y^e Nee^le
one mile 27 Rods
North Easterly Corner of Weare
North Westerly Corner of Boyle

Taken from the Back of the Original Charter this 30th December 1752

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec^y

[Alstead Charter, 1763.]

*2–500 Alstead

P S—

heretofore Newton

*Province of New Hampshire.

George, the Third, By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and

with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq ; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW HAMPSHIRE, in *New England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province ; HAVE, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy Six equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement Twenty Three Thousand & forty *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more ; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the North East Corner of Walpole at A Stake & Stones standing in the Southerly Side Line of Charlestown from thence runing South by Walepole to the North West Corner of Gilsum Six Miles & about Thirty Two Rods thence East by Gilsum afore S^{d} five Miles Two Hundred & fifty Six Rods to A Stake & Stones the South West Corner of Marlow from thence North by the Needle Six Miles & One Hundred & Ninety Two Rods to the North West Corner of Marlow from thence West by the Needle Three Miles & Two Hundred and Eighty Eight Rods to a Stake & Stones in Charlestown Side Line from thence South One Hundred & Sixty Rods to the South East Corner of Said Charlestown thence Westerly by Said Charlestown to the Bounds began at

And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Alstead And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy : And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall
*2–501 consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened
and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the last Tuesday in November next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Mr Samuel Chace who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out For Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1763

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay

unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Sixth Day of August In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty three And in the Third Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command
With Advice of COUNCIL,
Theodore Atkinson jun^{r} Se^{ry}

Pro^{v} of New Hamp^{r} August 6th 1763
Recorded according to the original Charter under the Pro^{v} Seal
℔ T Atkinson Jun^{r} Sec^{ry}

*The Names of the Grantees of Alstead—Viz *2–502

Samuel Chase	Ephraim Sherman	Abraham Batcheldor
Offin Burnam	John Holland	Benoni Chase
Stephen Chase	Jonas Brown	Daniel Chase
Daniel Putnam	Moses Chase	Josiah Brown
Joshua Swinington	Moses Chase jun^{r}	Caleb Chase
Thomas Hall	David Dudley	Ebenez^{r} Rawson
James Richardson	Jonathan Chase	March Chase
Silas Hazleton	Moody Chase	Simon Brooks
Samuel Chase Jun^{r}	Dudley Chase	Solomon Chase
Nathaniel Gowen	David Lilly	David Lilly Jun^{r}
Daniel Chase Jun^{r}	Paul Chase	Thomas Parker Jun^{r}
Ebenz^{r} Bridge	Moses Leeland	Samuel Richardson
Benj^{a} Leeland	Joseph Mosly	Eliakim Garfield
Benj^{a} Garfield	John Hollbrock	Nath^{ll} Whitmore
Bradford Chase	James M^{c}Clelaton	Joseph Whipple
Jonathan Dudley Jun^{r}	Jacob Gibbs	Asa Walker

Daniel Burbank	John Varnum	Coll Wm Symes
Ebenezr Burnet	Ephram Sherman Junr	Luke Drewrey
Ebenezr Sadler	Nathaniel Sherman	Hezekiah Taylor
Moses Whipple	Moses Hollbrook	Samuel Sherman Junr
David Temple	Antipas Holland	Abraham Temple
John Whipple	James Whipple	Stephen Hall
John Marshall	Honble Theodore Atkinson Nathll Barrell & Theodore Atkinson junr	Esqrs

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land of Five Hundred Acres as marked on the Plan B— W— which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares one Share for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts one Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established—one Share for the first Settled Minister in said Town And one for A School there for ever

Provr New Hampr August 6th 1763

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Alstead under the Provr Seal

℔ T Atkinson Junr Secry

Prov[e] of New Hamp[r] August 6—1763
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℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec[y]

[ALSTEAD CHARTER RENEWED, 1772.]

*Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c. *1–401

L. S.

To ALL whom these presents shall come GREETING.

WHEREAS we of our special grace certain knowledge & mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation w[th]in our said Province of New Hampshire by our Letters Patent or Charter under the Seal of our said Province Dated the 6[th] day of August 1763, in the Third year of our Reign, did grant a Tract of Land equal to Six Miles square, bounded as therein express'd, to a Number of our Loyal Subjects whose Names are enter'd on the same, to Hold to them their Heirs and Assigns on the Conditions therein declared to be a Town Corporate by the Name of ALSTEAD as by referrence to the said Charter may more fully appear. And whereas the said Grantees have *prefer'd a Petition to our Governor of our said Province in Council, specifying sundry Difficulties which prevented their full compliance with the Terms of the Grant aforesaid, And that the said Town is in great forwardness of being completely settled And therefore Praying that no advantage may be taken of the breach of the Conditions aforesaid, but that some further Time may be allowed them to fulfill the same: all which being duly Consider'd. *1–402

Alstead extended

KNOW YE that We being willing to encourage & promote the Cultivation & Settlement of the said Tract Have of our further grace and favour suspended our Claim of the forfeiture which the said Grantees may have Incurred and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors, (by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: our Governor & Commander in chief of our said Province & of our Council of the same) do grant unto the said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns the further Term of Three Years for performing and fulfilling the Conditions Matters and things by them to be done as aforesaid; Except the Quit Rents

which are to remain due & payable as express'd and reservd in the Original Grant or Charter.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our Governor & Commander in Chief aforesaid, the 24th day of January in the 12th year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J' Wentworth

By his Excellencys Command
with advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Province of New Hampshire 25th January 1772.
Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal.

AMHERST.

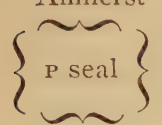
[Granted by Massachusetts as *Narragansett No.* 3, Dec. 18, 1728. Afterwards called *Salem Narragansett* and *Souhegan West*. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 1, 1759. Incorporated as Amherst, Jan. 18, 1760, and named in honor of Lord Jeffry Amherst. The incorporation was renewed Jan. 7, 1762. A large part of Monson was annexed in 1770. A portion of the town was combined with parts of Hollis and Mile Slip to make up the town of Milford, Jan. 11, 1794. Mont Vernon was set off and incorporated Dec. 15, 1803. A part of Milford was annexed Dec. 20, 1842.

See Massachusetts charters preceding, and Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 6; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 57; Index to Laws, 18; Historical Discourse, 100th Anniversary of Dedication of Congregational Meeting House, by J. E. Davis, 1874; Proceedings of Revolutionary Committees of Safety for Hillsborough County, by E. D. Boylston, 1884; History, by Daniel F. Secomb, 1883, pp. 978; sketch by same, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 219; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 21; Recollections of Busy Life, by Horace Greeley, 1873; Life of Horace Greeley, by James Parton, 1885; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 150; Rambles about Amherst, by W. B. Rotch, 1890, pp. 67; Bills of Mortality, 1805–14, by John Farmer, 14, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 73; *id.*, 1805–1819, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 80; *id.*, 1815–1826, 22, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 298; sketch, by John Farmer, 12, *id.*, 247; revised as Historical Sketch of Amherst, 1820, pp. 35; 2d edition, continued, 1837, pp. 52; *id.*, 5, Collections N. H. Historical Society, 79; petition of inhabitants, *id.*, 253; History of Purgatory, by C. J. Smith, 1889, pp. 8.]

[AMHERST INCORPORATED, 1760.]

*Province of New Hampshire *1–212

Amherst



George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c[a]

To All to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting

Whereas our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of A Tract of Land within Our Province of New Hampshire known by the Name of Sowhegon West on the Westerly Side of the River Merrimack have Humbly Petitioned & Requested us that they may be erected & Incorporated into A Township & Infranchized with the Same Powers & Previledges which Other Towns within Our Said Province by Law have & Enjoy and it Appearing to us to be Conducive to the General Good of Our Said Province as well as of the Said Inhabitants in Perticular by Maintaining good Order and Encouraging the Culture of the Land that the Same Should be done KNOW YE therefor that We of Our Special Grace Certain Knowledg and for the Encoragement & Promoting the Good Purposes *And Ends afores[d] by & With the *1–213 Advice of Our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq Our Governor & Commander in Chieff and of our Council for Said Province of New Hampshire HAVE errceted & ordain[d] & by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors Do Will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land aforesaid & who Shall Inhabit & Improve thereon hereafter the Same being Butted & Bounded as Follows Viz Beginning at Sowhegon River thence Runing North one degree West on the Town Ship of Merrimack & Bedford Six Miles thence running West on Bedford and a Tract of Land called New Boston Six Miles then South about five miles & an half to Sowhegon River aforesaid than by Said river to the Place where it began be and hereby are Declared & ordaind to be a Town Corporate and are hereby Erected & Incorporated into a Body Politick & Corporate to have Continuence until the first of January 1762 by the Name of Amherst with all the Powers and Authoritys Previledges Immunity & Franchises which any Other Towns in Said Province by Law hold & Injoy to the Said Inhabitants or who Shall hereafter Inhabit there & their Successors for Said Term Allways reserving to us Our heirs & Successors All white Pine Trees that are or Shall be found growing &

this Charter Renewed See Page 244

being on the Said Tract of Land fit for the Use of Our Royal Navy Reserving also to us Our heirs & Successors the Power & right of Dividing the Said Town when it Shall Appear Necessary & Convenient for the Inhabitants thereof PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS and it is hereby declared that this Charter & Grant is not Intended and Shall not in any Manner be Construed to Extend to or affect the Private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid And as the Several Towns within Our Said Province Are by the Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble and by the Majority of Voters Present to Chuse all such Officers Trans Act Such Affairs as in the Said Laws Are Declared We do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Leiu^{t} Coll^{ll} John Goffe to call the first Meeting of said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at Any Time within Forty Days from the Date hereof giving Legal Notice of the Time & Design of holding such Meeting after which the Annual Meeting in Said Town Shall be held for the Choice of Said officers & the Purposes aforesaid on the Second Monday in March Annually IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed

Witness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of Our Said Province the Eighteenth Day of January in the thirty third Year of Our Reign & in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred & Sixty

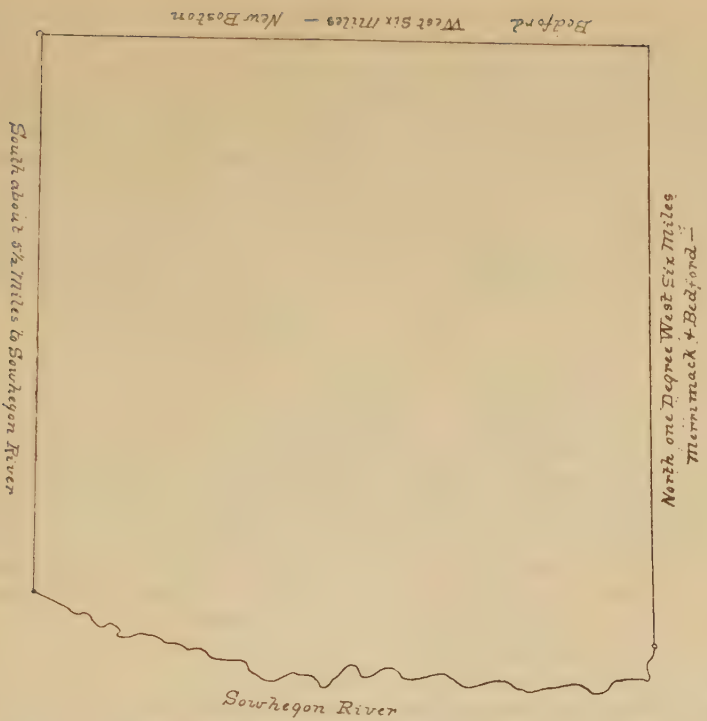
B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Command
with Advice of y^{e} Council
Theodore Atkinson Se^{ry}

Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal the 19th of January 1760

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

This Plan describes a Tract of Land called Sowhegon West or N^{o} (3) and is Bounded (Viz) begining at Sowhegon River & thence Runing North one Degree West on Merrimack & Bedford Six Miles then Runing West on Bedford & New Boston Six Miles then South about five Miles and & half to Sowhegon River afore Said then by Said River to the Place where we began


Bedford West Six Miles — New Boston
South about six Miles to Souhegon River
North one Degree West Six Miles
Merrimack & Bedford —
Sowhegon River

Taken from the Back of the Original Charter of Amherst & Recorded here this 19th Day of Janry 1760—

℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry

[Amherst Incorporation Renewed, 1762.]

*Province of New Hampr *1–244

P S

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c

Amherst Chatr Prolonged See the original Charter Recorded in Page (212)

Whereas our Late Royal Grand Father King George the Second of Glorious Memory of his Special Grace & upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of A Tract of Land in our Sd Province of New Hampr heretofore known by the Name of Sowhegon West and for the Maintaining

good order & Encouraging the Culture of the Land there by his Letters Patent or Charter under the Seal of our Said Province Dated the 18th Day of Janry in the 33d Year of his Reign did Erect & Incorporate into A Body Politick & Corporate by the Name of Amherst the Inhabitants of the Said Tract of Land or those that Should thereon Inhabit thereafter which Tract is butted & bounded as in the said Patent or Charter is Expressed and was to have Continuence til the first Day of Janry 1762 which Time being elapsed and the Inhabitants having again Petitioned to have the Said Charter Previledges renewd and it Appearing Necessary to answer the good End Proposed as well as to Enable the Inhabitants aforesaid to Assess and Collect their Rates & Taxes

Know Ye that We being Willing to Promote the good End proposed have of our Father Grace & Favour By & with the advice of our Trusty & wellbeloved Benning Wentworth our Governor & Com'ander in Chieffe & of our Council for said Province Revived & Regranted unto the said Inhabitants and their Successors on the sd Tract of Land all the Powers & Authoritys Previledges Immunities & Franchises in the Said Charter Mentioned as they Enjoyd the Same while that Charter was in force And to have Continuence until We Shall Please to Approve or Disalow the Same & Signify Such our Approbation or Disalowence

In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of the Province aforesaid to be hereunto affixed Witness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieff this 7th day of Janry in the 2d Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1762—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Command
with advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Secry

Province of New Hampr January 8th 1762
Recorded from the original under the Province Seal
℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry

ASHLAND.

[Set off from Holderness and incorporated, July 1, 1868. Named from Henry Clay's home.

See papers under title Holderness; Index to Laws, 25; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 123; Central New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 50; Asquam Lake and its Environs, 10, Granite Monthly, 68.]

ATKINSON.

[This town was a part of a tract of land purchased from the Indians by inhabitants of Haverhill, Mass., Nov. 15, 1642. Set off from Plaistow and incorporated by its present name, Sept. 3, 1767. Named in honor of Theodore Atkinson.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 26; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 120; Index to Laws, 27; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 117; History, by William Cogswell, 6, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 56; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 16; note on Plaistow *post*; discourse, centennial of Congregational Church, by C. F. Morse, 1875; Atkinson Academy, by W. C. Todd, 26, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 122, 332; Biographical Notices of Physicians, 1, N. H. Repository, 134.]

AUBURN.

[This town was a part of Chester known as *Long Meadow*. Set off from Chester and incorporated, June 23, 1845.

See papers under title Chester; Index to Laws, 29; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 126; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 18; History of Chester by Benjamin Chase, 1869, p. 186; Acts of the Anti-Slavery Apostles, by Parker Pillsbury, 1883, p. 182.]

BARNSTEAD.

[Granted by Lt. Gov. John Wentworth, to Rev. Joseph Adams, of Newington, and others, May 20, 1727.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 136; Index to Laws, 45; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 711; Reunion, 1, Granite Monthly, 303; *id.*, ed. by H. N. Colbath, 1884, pp. 132; History, by J. P. Jewett, 1872, pp. 264; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 252, 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 481.]

[Barnstead Charter, 1727.]

*George by the Grace of God of great Britain France *1–230
Barnstead & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c[a]

P– S–

To all People to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting

Know Ye that we of our Special Knowledge & Mere Motion for the due Encouragment of Settling A New Plantation by & with the advice & Consent of our Council Have given & granted & by these Presents as far as in us

Lyes do give & grant in Equal Shares unto Sundry of our beloved Subjects whose names Are entred in A Schedule here unto Annexed that inhabit or Shall Inhabit within the Said grant within our Province of New Hampshire all that Tract of Land within the following Bounds (Viz) to begin on the Head of the Town of Barrington on the South West Side of the Town of Coulraine and runing by the Said Town of Coulraine Eight Miles & from the Said Town of Coulraine to Run on the Head of Barrington Line South West forty Two Degrees Six Miles & then North West Eight Miles then on A Straight Line to the head of the first Eight Miles and that the Same be a Town Corporate by the Name of Barnstead to the Persons aforesaid for ever To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Land to the Grantees & their heirs and assignes for ever & to Such associates as they Shall admit upon the following Conditions

That every Proprietor build a Dwelling House within three Years & Settle a Family therein and brake up three acres of Ground & Plant & Sow the Same within three Years & Pay his Proportion of the Town Charges when & so often as occasion shall require the same—

2^{dly} That A Meeting House be built for the Publick Worship of God within the Term of four Years—

3^{dly} That upon default of any Perticular Proprietor in Complying with the Conditions of this Charter upon his Part Such dilinquent Proprietor Shall forfeit his Share to the Other Proprietors which Shall be disposed of according to the Major Vote of the s^{d} Comoners at a legal meeting

4^{ly} That a Proprietors Share be reserved for a Parsonage & an Other for the first Minister of the Gospel that is there Settled & ordaind & an other Proprietors Share for the Benefit of A School in the Town

Provid Nevertheless that the Peace with the Indians continues for the Space of Three Years But if it Should happen that a War with the Indians should Comence before the Expiration of the aforesaid Term of three Years then the Said Term of three Years shall be Allowed to the Proprietors after the Expiration of
*1–231 the War for the Performance of the *afores^{d} Conditions Rendring & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors or Such officers or officer as Shall be appointed to recieve the Same the Annual Quit Rent or Acknowledgement of one Pound of Hemp in the Said Town on the 20th Day of December Yearly for ever (if Demanded) reserving also unto us our heirs & Successors all Mast Trees growing on the Said Tract

of Land according to the Acts of Parliament in that Case made & Provided & for the better order rule & Government of the Said Town We do by these Presents for ourselves Our heirs & Successors grant unto the Said men & Inhabitants or those that Shall Inhabit the Said Town that Yearly & every year upon the last Tuesday in the Month of March forever Shall Meet to Elect & Choose by the Major Part of them Present Constables Select Men & other Town officers according to the Laws & usages of our afores[d] Province and for the Calling & Notifying the first Town Meeting we do here by Appoint John Downing Jun[r] John Fabins & John Knight to be the first Select Men & they to Continue in Said Respective office as Select Men until the last Tuesday in the Month of March which Shall be in the year of Our Lord 1728 & until other Select men Shall be Chosen & Appointed in their Stead in Such Manner as in these Presents expressed In Wittness whereof We have caused the Seal of our Said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Wittness John Wentworth Esq Our Lieutenant Governour & Comander in Chieff in & over our Said Province at our Town of Portsmouth in our s[d] Province of New Hamp[r] the Twentyeth Day of May in the Thirteenth Year of our reign annoq Domini 1727—

J Wentworth

By order of his Hon[r] the Lieu[t]
Govern[r] with Advice of Council
Rich[d] Waldron Cl[k] Con

Recorded According to the original under the Province Seal this 28[th] Day of March 1761—

Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]

A Schedule of the Proprietors of the Town of Barnstead

The Rev[d] Jos Addams	John Downing jun[r]	James Pickring
John Walker	Rich[d] Downing	John Nutter
Tho[s] Pickring	Sam[ll] Nutter	John Fabins
James Nutter	John Fabins jun[r]	Mathias Nutter
Joshu[a] Pickring	John Knight	Hateevil Nutter jun[r]
Hatevil Nutter	Henry Nutter	John Trickey
Eleaz[r] Coleman	Joseph Downing	Lemuel Bickford
George Walton	Samuel Walton	Jon[s] Downing
Joshua Downing	George Walton jun[r]	John Hodgdon
Joseph Fabins	William Furbur	Sam[ll] Fabins
Moses Furbur	Benj[a] Downing	John Decker
John Knight jun[r]	Tho[s] Trickey	Cyprean Jeffry

John Walton	Andrew Peters	Jethr^{o} Furbur N^{p}ton	
	Tho^{s} Bickford	Sam^{ll} Thompson	Clem^{t} Meserve
*1–232	*John Thompson	Benj^{a} Walton	Moses Dam
	Harrison Downing	John Walingsford	Henry Allard
Seth Ring	Thomas Leighton	Joseph Rollings	
Josiah Downing	Shadrach Walton	Benning Wentworth	
Hunking Wentworth	Jn^{o} Wentworth jun^{r}	David Wentworth	
Benjamin Wentworth	James Jeffry jun^{r}	George Jaffrey jun^{r}	
Rich^{d} Wibird jun^{r}	Rich^{d} Waldron jun^{r}	Ebenez^{r} Weare	
Jeremiah Miller	Frances Jennes	Sampson Sheaffe	
Matt Plant	Robert Auchmuty	John Dam	
John Dam jun^{r}	Zebulon Dam	Rich^{d} Dam	
Elnathan Dam	Jethro Bickford	Mark Ayers	
Hatevil Nutter	John Rindge	Nath^{ll} Morrel	
Tho^{s} Ayers son of Tom	John Brock	John Downing jun^{r}	
Sam^{ll} Hunt	John Hunt	Tim^{o} Gerrish jun^{r}	
Sam^{ll} Shackford	John Shackford	Peter Weare Esq	
John Plaisted	James Davis	Jn^{o} Gillman Esq	
Andrew Wiggin	Cap^{t} John Downing	W^{m} Fellows	
Cap^{t} John Gillman	Paul Gerrish	Sam^{ll} Tibbets	
M^{r} Eph^{m} Dennet	Theodore Atkinson	John Sanburn	
Ebenez^{r} Stevens	Rich^{d} Jennes	James Jeffry	
Nath^{ll} Showers	Gill : Macpheadris	Benj^{a} Clark	
Ebenez^{r} Wentworth			

Admitted Associates his Excellency & Honour Samuel Shute Esq John Wentworth Esq Each of them 500 Acres & A Home Lott.

Coll Mark Hunking	Tho^{s} Westbrook
Shadrach Walton	Archibald Macpheadris
George Jaffrey	Jn^{o} Frost
Rich^{d} Wibird	Jotham Odiorne

Each A Proprietors Share

Entred & Recorded from the original Schedule of the Proprietors of the Township of Barnstead as the Same was Certified by Rich^{d} Waldron Cer— Con— this 28th March 1761—

Attest^{r} Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

BARRINGTON.

[Granted by Gov. Samuel Shute, May 10, 1722, to the proprietors of the Iron Works on Lamprey River, John Wentworth, George Jaffrey, Archibald McPheadris, and Robert Wilson. Strafford was set off, and incorporated June 17, 1820.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 41; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 136; Index to Laws, 46; sketch, by C. F. Buzzell, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 607; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 315.]

[Barrington Charter, 1722.]

*George by the Grace of God of Great Britain *1–205 Barrington France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c[a]

Charter To All People to Whom these Presents Shall Come greeting Know Ye that We of Our Especial Knowledge & Mere Motion for the Due Encouragement of Settling a New Plantation by & with the Advice & Consent of our Council have given & Granted and by these Presents (as far as in us lyes) do give & Grant unto all Such of our Loving Subjects as are at Present Inhabitants of our Town of Portsm[o] within our Province of New Hamp[r] and have paid Rates in the Said Town for four Years Last Past to be Divided amoung them in Proportion to their Respective town Rates which they paid the Year last Past and the record of which is to be found, in their Town book and is agreeable to their Petition preferrd for that Purpose— All That Tract of Land containd within the following Bounds (Viz) to begin at the End of Two miles upon A line Run upon A Northwest point half a Point more Northerly from Dover head line at the End of four Miles and an half westward from Dover North East Corner Bounds & run upon the aforesaid Point of Norwest half A Point more Northerly Eleven miles into the Country and from thence Six miles upon a Streight Line to Nottingham Northerly corner bounds then to begin Again at the End of the Two miles aforesaid & to run upon a Parallel line with Dover head line Six miles to Nottingham Side line and from thence Eleven Miles along Nottingham Side Line to Nottingham Northerly Corner bounds And also we give & Grant in Manner as aforesaid all that Tract of Land lying between Dover head line & the afore granted Tract of Land it being in Breadth six miles upon Dover head Line aforesaid and two miles in Depth from Said Dover head line to the afore

granted Tract of Land To our Loving Subjects the Present Proprietors of the Iron works lately set up at Lamprey River (Viz) The Hon^ble John Wentworth Esq George Jaffrey Esq & Archibald Macpheadrize Esqs & Mr Robert Willson for their Encouragement & Accommodation to Carry on & maintain the aforesaid Iron works the aforesaid Two Tracts of Land to be A Town Corporate by the Name of Barrington, to the Persons aforesaid for ever— To have & to hold the said Two Tracts of Land to the Grantees & their heirs & assigns for ever upon the following Conditions—

1st That they build fifty Dwelling Houses & Settle A
1-206 family In each within Seven years and break up three Acres of Ground for each Settlement and Plant or Sow the Same within Seven years—

2dly That A Meeting House be built for the Publick Worship of God within the Term of Seven Years

3dly That two hundred Acres of Land be reserved for a Parsonage two hundred Acres for the first Minister of the Gospel & one hundred Acres for the Benefit of a School—

Provided Nevertheless that the Peace with the Indians Continue duering the aforesaid Term of Seven years But if it Should so happen that A War with the Indians Should Com'ence before the Expiration of the Term of Seven Years aforesaid there Shall be Allowed to the aforesaid Proprietors the Term of Seven years after the Expiration of the War for the Performance of the aforesaid Conditions

Rendring & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors or Such Other officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to Recieve the Same the Annual Quit Rent or Acknowledgment of one Pound of Good Merchantable hemp in the said Town on the first Day of December Yearly forever if Demanded Reserving also unto us our heirs & Successors all Mast trees growing on the Said Land According to the Acts of Parliament in that case Provided And for the better order rule & Government of the Said Town we do by these Presents Grant for us our heirs & Successors unto the Said men & Inhabitants or those that Shall Inhabit the Said Town that yearly & Every year upon the Last Wednesday in March they Shall meet to Ellect & Chuse by the Major Part of them Constables Selectmen and All Other Town Officers According to the Laws & usage of our aforesaid Province for the year Ensueing with Such Powers Previledges & Authoritys as other Town Officers within our aforesaid Province have & Enjoy In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be here-

unto Annexed Wittness Samuel Shute Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieff of our Said Province at our Town of Portsm° the Tenth Day of May in the Eighth year of our reign Annoq Domini 1722—

Samuel Shute

By his Excellencys Command
with Advice of the Council
Richard Waldron Clerk— Con—

PROV^e SEAL

*A True Copy of Barrington Charter Compared with the Original *1–207

Rich^d Waldron Cler Con

Entred & Recorded According to An Attested Copy which haveing been Exhibited by Capt W^m Cate of Barrington & Laid before the Governour & Council & it Appearing to them to be A genuine Copy & On a suggestion that the original was burn in the Sec^rys^ office twas ordred that the Same be here recorded in obedience to which tis here recorded the 10 Jan^ry 1756

Attesta^r Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry

[BOUNDS OF BARRINGTON, 1725.]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 67.]

Prov : of New Hamp^r } At a Publick Meeting of the Propriators of the Town of Barrington held the 6^th^ Day of December 1725.—

We whose names are under written being appointed a Committe to Run Out the Bounds of the Town of Barrington According to the Charter make Return of our Doings herein as followeth—

We began at a Red Oak Tree Next Exeter Bounds at the head of Dover Township and Run North 42. Degrees East on Dover head Line Four miles & a Quarter to a Pitch Pine Tree Marked on the South Side with the Letter N. for Nottingham and on the North Side with the Letter B. for Barrington with the Date of the Year 1725, upon the Same Course upon Dover head Line Six

Miles & a Quarter more until we came to Rochester Side Bounds where we marked a Pitch Pine Tree B. for Barrington on the South Side and R for Rochester on the North Side which Six Miles & a Quarter is the Breadth of Barrington and from the Said Pitch Pine Tree N° W. half a Point more Northerly Thirteen Miles to a Hemlock Marked B. for Barrington on the South Side and R. for Rochester on the North Side and from Said Hemlock S. 42. Degrees West Six Miles & a Quarter to a Red Oak marked B. for Barrington on the North Side and N. for Nottingham on the South Side and from Said Red oak S E. half a Point Southerly Thirteen Miles to the Bound Tree between Barrington and Nottingham on Dover head Line—

Tobias Langdon
John Cutt

A True Copy Taken Out of Barrington Town Book
attr H Wentworth Propr Clr

BARTLETT.

[Made up of grants to Lieut. Andrew McMillan, Capt. William Stark, Lieut. Vere Royce, Adjt. Philip Bailey, and Maj. James Gray. Incorporated June 16, 1790, and named in honor of Josiah Bartlett, then President of the state. A tract of land belonging to the state, situated in Jackson, was annexed June 19, 1806. Another small tract was annexed from Jackson, June 22, 1819. Land owned by Nathaniel Carlton was severed from Bartlett and annexed to Jackson, July 3, 1822. A large tract of land on the west and south was annexed July 1, 1823. Land belonging to Jonathan McIntire was annexed June 18, 1836. The farms of Nathaniel Tufts and Stephen Carlton, 2d, were severed from Bartlett and annexed to Jackson, July 3, 1839. A tract of land was taken from Chatham and annexed to Bartlett, June 30, 1869, and another from Hart's Location, July 2, 1878. Bartlett was annexed to Carroll County, from Coös, Jan. 5, 1853.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 159; Index to Laws, 47; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 909; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by Samuel Adams Drake, 1882, p. 55; Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, p. 147; Account of First Settlement, Crawford's History of the White Mountains, 1883, p. 184; Early Pioneers, by E. A. Philbrick, 5, Granite Monthly, 124; The White Hills, by T. Starr King, 1859, p. 137; The Moat Path, by J. Worcester, 1, Appalachia, 267; Mt. Silver Spring and Tremont, by J. R. Edmands, 2, *id.*, 282; The Mountains between Saco and Swift Rivers, by J. R. Edmands, 3, *id.*, 57; An Ascent of Mts. Langdon and Parker, by A. Matthews, 3, *id.*, 282; Bear Mountain, by J. R. Edmands, 3, *id.*, 69; Humphrey's Ledge and Its View, by J. Worcester, 4, *id.*, 130, and 5, *id.*, 30, 215; Mountains near New Zealand Notch, by E. B. Cook, 5, *id.*, 194; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 302; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 600; The White Mountains, A Guide to Their Interpretation, by J. H. Ward, 1890, p. 26.]

[Grant to Philip Bailey, 1770.]

*Province of New Hampshire } George the Third by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the Faith &c^a. *1–375

} Adj^t Philip Bailey's Grant. } To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting —

Whereas we have tho't fit by our Proclamation at S^t James's the seventh day of October in the 3^d Year of our Reign, Annoque Domini 1763, (among other Things to testify our Royal sense & approbation of the conduct and bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of our Armies, and signified our desire to reward the same, and have therein commanded & Impowered our several Governors of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to Grant without Fee or Reward to such reduced officers as have served in North America during the late War, and to such Private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there, and shall personally apply for the same such quantities of Land respectively as in and by our afores^d Proclamation are particularly mentioned; subject nevertheless to the same Quit Rents & Conditions of cultivation & Improvement as other our Lands are subject to* in the Province in which they are granted. *1–376

And Whereas Philip Bailey of Portsmouth in our said Province Gentleman, had our appointment as Adjutant of our 72^d Regiment, employed in our Service at the Reduction of Louisbourg and Seige of Quebec; & served in that Capacity during the late War in North America, and is now reduced, & he having Personally applied and sollicited for such Grant agreeable to our aforesaid Proclamation—

Know Ye That we of our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion, do signify our approbation as aforesaid, and for encouraging the settlement and cultivation of our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England, Have (by and with the advice of our Trusty and well-beloved John Wentworth Esquire our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hamps^r and of our Council of the same, agreable to our aforesaid in part recited proclamation, and upon the Conditions & reservations hereafter mentioned) Given and granted, and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do give and grant unto the said Philip Bailey and to his heirs and Assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of Land, situate lying and being within our said Province, containing by admeasurement

Two thousand Acres, as by a Plan or Survey of said Tract exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province of New Hampshire & returned into the Secretary's Office, (a Copy whereof is hereunto annex'd) may more fully appear: butted & bounded as follows Viz^{t} Beginning at the crotch between the main branch of Saco River & middle branch commonly called Ellis's River & running North Seventy Eight degrees West Four hundred & sixteen Rods to a hemlock Tree spotted & marked V. R. & P. B. from thence North Ten deg^{s} East Five hundred & thirty Two Rods to a Beech tree from thence South Seventy Eight deg^{s} East Four hundred & Sixteen rods to a Beech Tree, from thence South ten deg^{s} West five hundred & thirty Two Rods to the bounds first began at, which Premises above described contain Thirteen hundred & Eighty Acres, and also another Tract, Beginning at a beech Tree South Ten deg^{s} West Twenty four Rods from the South west corner of the abovesaid Tract, & running said course of South ten deg^{s} West two hundred & seventy six Rods to a hemlock Tree, thence West Four hundred & thirty four Rods to a Beech Tree, thence North ten deg^{s} East One hundred & Eighty eight Rods to a Beech Tree, thence North seventy five deg^{s} East Four hund^{d} & seventy two Rods to the beech Tree first mentioned: & Contains Six hundred & twenty Acres. To have and to hold the said Land as above express'd to him the said Philip & to his Heirs and Assigns forever upon the following Terms, Conditions & Reservations Viz^{t}

First That the said Grantee shall cut, clear & make
*1–377 Passable for carriages &c. *a Road of Three Rods wide through the said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or Order'd by the Governor & Council afores^{d} which Road is to be completed in Two Years from the date of such Order or direction of the Gov^{r} & Council aforesaid on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & of it's reverting to us our heirs & Successors.

Second That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be setled Ten Families in Four Years from the Date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our heirs & successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.—

Third That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the said Tract of Land his heirs & Assigns to us our Heirs and

Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTH Yielding & paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors on or before the Ninth day of August 1779, the rent of one ear of Indian corn only, if lawfully demanded.

FIFTH That the said Grantee his heirs and Assigns shall yield & pay unto us our heirs & successors yearly & every Year for ever from & after the expiration of one year from the abovesaid Ninth day of August, namely on the Ninth day of August which will be in the year of our Lord 1780, ONE SHILLING Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns, Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor or Setler as aforesaid in our Council Chamber in Portsm° or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, and these to be in lieu of all other rents & Services.—

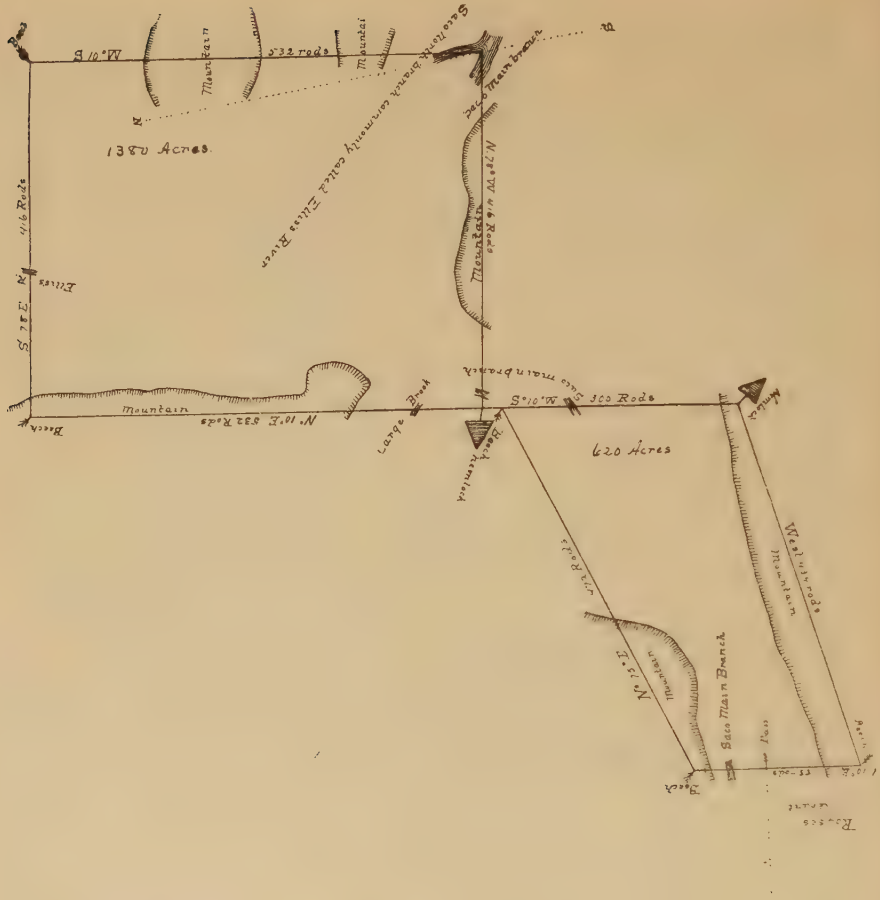
IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our aforesaid Governor & Commander in chief the 9th day of August in the 10th year of our Reign, Annoque Domini 1770.—

J' Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command
with advice of Council
[No signature]

Recorded according to the Original under the Province seal this 9th Augst A. D. 1770.

Theodore Atkinson Secry



Province of New }
Hampshire } Portsmouth 6. of Aug^st^ 1770 —

These Certify that the Plan beginning at the crotch between the main Branch of Saco River & Middle Branch commonly called Ellis's River & running N. 78 deg^s^ W. 416 rods to a hemloc Tree spotted & marked V. R. & P. B. from thence N. 10° E. 532 Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence S. 78° E. 416 Rods to a beech Tree, from thence S. 10° W. 532 Rods to the bounds first began at— contains 1380 Acres of Land and that the Plan beginning at a beech Tree S. 10 deg^s^ W. 24 Rods from the S. W. corner of the abovesaid Tract, & running said course of &. 10° W. 276 rods to a

hemloc Tree, thence West 434 Rods to a Beech thence N. 10° E. 188 Rods to a Beech Tree, thence N. 75° E. 472 Rods to the beech Tree first mention'd — contains 620 Acres of Land, & are true Copies of the Original Plans or Surveys of said Tracts as taken & returned to me by Mr Vere Royse Dy Survr

attestd ℔ Is: Rindge Sr Genl

[Grant to Robert Furniss, 1775.]

*Province of New Hampshire } George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c *4–244

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Robert Furniss's Grant

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting Whereas We have thought fit by Our Proclamation at St James's the seventh day of October in the third Year of Our reign Annoque Domini 1763 among other things to testify Our royal Sence & approbation of the conduct & bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of Our Armies & signified Our desire to reward the same and have therein commanded and impowered Our several Governors of Our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without Fee or reward to such reduced Officers as have served in North America during the late War and to such private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there & shall personally apply for the same such Quantities of Land respectively as in & *by our aforesaid Proclamation are *4–245 particularly mention'd subjects nevertheless to the same Quitrents & Conditions of cultivation & improvement as other Our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are granted And whereas Robert Furniss of Portsmouth in Our County of Rockingham & Province of New Hampshire had Our Appointment and served as a Mate in Our Navy in America during the late War and is now reduced & he having made personal Application & sollicited for such Grant agreable to Our said Proclamation

Know ye that We of Our special Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion do signify Our Approbation as aforesaid and for the encouragement settlement & cultivation of Our Lands within Our said Province of New Hampshire have and by & with the advice of Our trusty & well beloved John Wentworth Esquire Our Gov-

ernor and Commander in chief of Our said Province of New Hampshire & of Our Council of the same agreable to Our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation & upon the conditions & reservations hereafter mentioned given and granted & by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto the said Robert Furniss and to his Heirs and Assigns forever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying & being in Our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid, containing by admeasurement Five hundred & eighty Acres of Land as by a Plan or Survey of said Tract exhibited by Our Surveyor general of Lands for Our said Province of New Hampshire & returned into the Secretary's Office of Our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed may more fully appear butted and bounded as follows viz^{t} Begining at the Northwesterly bound of Conway Township and runing by Major Gray's Location N 61¼ degrees West two hundred
*4–246 *twenty eight Rods to a Beech Tree marked V R R F then runing S fifty degrees W one hundred forty rods to a Beech tree marked as above then runing S fourteen degrees W two hundred ninety seven Rods to a birch Tree marked as above then runing N seventy six & one half degrees E three hundred eighty three rods to a Hemloc Tree standing in the western boundary Line of Conway Township and lastly runing by Conway Township N two and one quarter degrees E one hundred & seventy-nine Rods to the Bounds first began at TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed to him the said Robert Furniss his Heirs and Assigns forever upon the following Terms Conditions & reservations viz^{t}

FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut clear and make passable a Road through the said Tract of Land four rods wide for Carriages &c as shall be at any time hereafter directed or ordered by the Governor and Council aforesaid which Road is to be completed in one Year from the date of the order or direction aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to Us Our Heirs & Successors

SECONDLY that the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled One Family in six Years from the date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premises to revert to Us Our Heirs and Successors to be entered upon and regranted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same

THIRDLY That all white and other pine Trees fit for masting our royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had

& obtained on Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee to Us Our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament

FOURTHLY That the Grantee yield and pay therefor to Us Our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of January *1777 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if *4–247 lawfully demanded

FIFTHLY That the Grantee his Heirs & Assigns shall yield & pay unto Us Our Heirs & Successors yearly & every Year forever from and after the expiration of eight Years from the aforesaid first day of January 1777 one Shilling proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or less quantity of the Land aforesaid which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor or Settler as aforesaid in Our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same

SIXTHLY That any part of the Premises appearing well adapted to the growth of Hemp and Flax or either of them shall be cultivated with those useful Articles of produce in the proportion of ten Acres in each & every hundred of these granted Premises within ten Years of this date

SEVENTHLY That this Grant shall not interfere with any of Our Grants formerly made and now in force nor interrupt the Grantees in their improvements making thereon agreable to the Conditions thereof—These to be in Lieu of all other rents and Services whatsoever

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^{r} Our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief the twenty fifth day of May in the fifteenth Year of Our reign Annoque Domini 1775

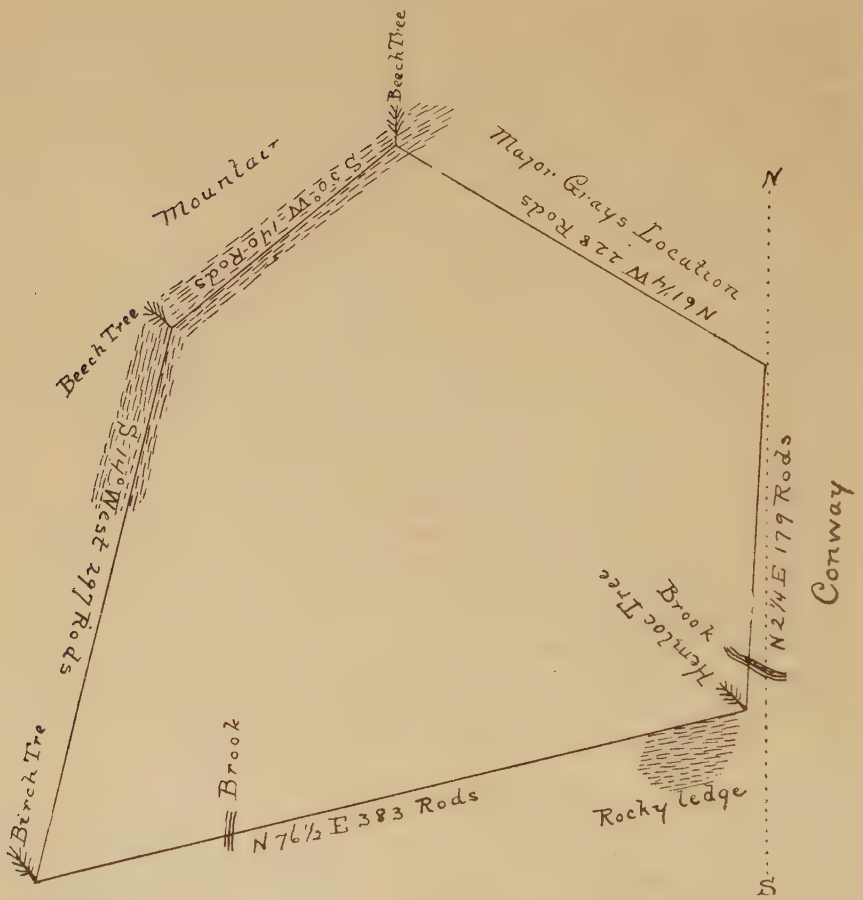
J' Wentworth

By his Excellency's command
with advice of Council
Geo : King D : Sec^{y}

Recorded according to original Charter under the Province Seal this seventh day of June 1775

Attest^{r} Geo : King D Sec^{y}

Protracted by a Scale of 80 Rods to one Inch



Province of New Hamp^re^ Portsmouth 23^d^ May 1775.

These certify that this Plan of a Tract of Land begining at the north-westerly Corner Bound of Conway Township & runing by Major Gray's Location Northwest sixty one & One Quarter degrees two hundred twenty eight Rods to a Beech Tree marked V R R F next runing South West fifty degrees One hund^d^ forty Rods to a Beech Tree marked as above next runing South west fourteen degrees two hundred ninety seven Rods to a Birch Tree marked as above next runing North East seventy six one half degrees three hundred eighty three rods to a Hemloc Tree standing in the western boundary Line of Conway Township and lastly runing by

Conway Township North East two and one quarter degrees One hundred seventy nine rods to the Bounds first began at contains five hundred and eighty Acres of Land as appears by the original Survey and Plan taken and returned into the *Surveyor Generals Office by Mr Vere Royse Deputy Surveyor *4–249

Attest Joseph Peirce pro Surveyor General
Copy examin'd by Geo: King D: Secy

[Grant to James Gray, 1772.]

*Province of New Hampshire. *4–80

L. S.

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.—

Major Gray's Grant

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Whereas We have tho't fit by our Proclamation at St James's the Seventh day of October in the Third Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1763, among other Things to testify our Royal Sense & approbation of the Conduct and Bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of our Armies, and signified our desire to reward the same, and have therein Commanded and Impowered our Several Governor's of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without fee or reward to such reduced Officers as have served in North America during the last War, and to such private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there, and shall personally apply for the same, such quantities of Land respectively as in and by our aforesaid proclamation are particularly mentioned, subject nevertheless to the same Quit Rents and Conditions of Cultivation & Improvement as other our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are granted And whereas James Gray of Stockbridge in our County of Berkshire and Province of the Massachusetts Bay, had our Appointment as Major Brigade under his Excellency General Amherst during the last War in North America and is now reduced, and he having made Personal Application and Sollicited for such Grant agreeable to our said Proclamation.

Know Ye, that We of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere Motion, do signify our Approbation as aforesaid, and for the

Encouragement, Settlement and Cultivation of our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire, in New England, Have, & by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well beloved John Wentworth Esq^{r} our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire, and of our Council of the same, agreeable to our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation, and upon the Conditions and Reservations hereafter mentioned given & granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto the said James Gray and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, situate lying and being in our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid, *4–87 Containing by admeasurement Three Thousand Eight* Hundred and Fifty Six Acres of Land as by a Plan or Survey of said Tract exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province of New Hampshire, and returned into the Secretary's Office of said Province of New Hampshire, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed may more fully appear, butted and bounded as follows, Viz^{t} Beginning at the North Westerly Corner of Conway, from thence running North Eight Degrees East Four Hundred and Eighty Rods into a Beaver Pond, thence North Twenty three Degrees West Fifty Nine Rods in said Beaver Pond, thence South Ten Degrees West Eighty Six Rods to the crotch of Ellis's and Saco Rivers, thence North Seventy Eight Degrees West Four Hundred and Sixteen Rods to an Hemlock Tree, thence North Ten Degrees East Five hundred & Thirty two Rods to a Beech Tree, thence South Seventy Eight degrees East Four Hundred & Sixteen Rods to a Beech Tree, thence North Forty Six and an half degrees East Two hundred & four Rods to a hemlock Tree, thence North Seventy Degrees West Five hundred and Eight Rods to a Beech Tree, thence South Thirty Degrees West Two Hundred & Forty Rods to a Hornbean Tree, thence North Sixty Degrees West Five Hundred Rods to a yellow Birch Tree, thence South Two and a quarter Degrees West Nine Hundred and Sixty Rods to a Beech Tree being a corner bound of a Tract of Land granted to Philip Bailey, thence by said Bailey's Land North Seventy Five Degrees East Four Hundred and Seventy two Rods to a Beech Tree, thence South Ten Degrees West Two hundred & Seventy Six Rods to a hemlock Tree, thence South Sixty one Degrees and a quarter East four hundred & Ninety Rods to the first mentioned bound began at. To Have and to Hold, the said granted Premises, as above expressed, to him the said James Gray, his Heirs and Assigns for Ever upon the following Terms Conditions and Reservations Viz^{t}

First That the said Grantee shall clear and make passable a Road thro' the said Tract of Land, four Rods wide, fit for Carriages &c. as shall be at any time hereafter directed or order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid, which Road is to be completed in one Year from the date of the order or Direction aforesaid, on penalty of forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.—

Second That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be Settled Six Families in Four Years from the date of this Grant, in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be enter'd upon *and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle and cultivate the same.— *4–82

Third That all White and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special leave & Licence for so doing first had & obtained, on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.—

Fourth That the Grantee yield and pay therefor to us our Heirs and Suc[cessors] on or before the First day of January 1773, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demanded.

Fifth That the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for Ever, from and after the expiration of Nine Years from the aforesaid First day of January 1773 One Shilling Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns Settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or less Quantity of the Land aforesaid, which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor or Settler as aforesaid in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same: And these to be in full of all other Rents and Services.

In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq^{r} our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the 12th day of June A. D. 1772, and in the 12th Year of our Reign.

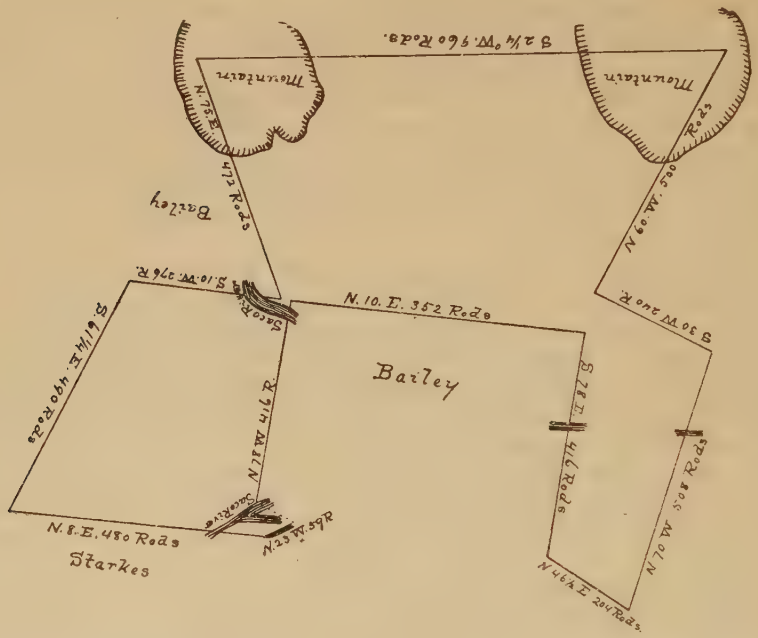
J' Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command with advice of Council.

Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this 18th day of June 1772.

Pr Theodore Atkinson Secry



Province of New Hampshire. Portsmo: 5th May 1772.

These Certify that this Plan Beginning at the N. Wly Corner of Conway, from thence running North 8° E. 480 Rods into a Beaver Pond, thence N. 23° W. 59 Rods in said Beaver Pond, thence S. 10° W. 86 Rods to the crotch of Ellis's and Saco Rivers, thence N. 78° W. 416 Rods to a hemlock Tree, *4–83 thence N. 10° E. 532 Rods to *a Beech Tree, thence S. 78° E. 416 Rods to a Beech Tree, thence No 46½° E. 204 Rods to a hemlock Tree, thence N. 70° W. 508 Rods to a Beech Tree, thence S. 30° W. 240 Rods to a horn Beam Tree, thence N. 60° W. 500 Rods to a Yellow Birch Tree, thence thence S. 2¼° W. 960 Rods to a Beech Tree being the corner bound of a Tract of Land granted to Philip Bailey, thence by said Bailey's Land N. 75° E. 472 Rods to a Beech Tree, thence S. 10° W. 276 Rods to a Hemlock Tree, thence S. 61¼° E. 490 Rods to the bound began

at. Contains 3856 Acres of Land and is a True Copy of an Original plan or Survey of said Tract as taken and returned to me by Vere Royse Dy Surv^{r}

Attest^{r} Is. Rindge Surv^{r} General.

[Grant to Andrew McMillan, 1765.]

*Province of New Hampshire *1–284

Leiu^{t} M^{c}Millan

George the Third by the Grace of God of great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^{a} To all to whom these Presents shall come— Greeting

Whereas We have tho^{t} fit by our Proclamation given at S^{t} Jamess the Seventh Day of October in the Third Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1763 (amoung Other Things to Testify our Royal Sence and approbation of the Conduct & Bravery of the officers & Soldiers of Our Armies and Signify our Desire to reward the Same and have therein Com'anded & Impowered our Several Governours of Our Respective Provinces on the Continent of America to Grant without fee or Reward to Such reduced officers as have Served in North America during the late War and to such private Soldiers as have been or Shall be disbanded there & Shall personally Apply for the Same Such Quantities of Land respectivly as in & by our afore-Said Proclamation are Perticularly Mentioned Subject nevertheless to the Same Quit Rents and Conditions of Cultivation & Improvement as other our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are Granted And Whereas Andrew McMillan of Bow in our Province afore Said Esq had our appointment as Lieutenant of one of our Independent Companys of Rangers & Served during the late War in North America And is now Reduced & he having Personaly Appeard agreable to our afore Said Proclamation and Solicited Such Grant Know Ye that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & mere motion do Signify our Approbation as afore Said and for the Encouraging the Settlement & Cultivation of our Land within Our Province of New Hamp^{r} in New England Have & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Cap^{t} General Governour & Com'ander in Chieff in & over our Said Province of New Hampshire and of our Council for Said Province (agreable to our

afore Said in Part Recited Proclamation & upon the Conditions & Reservations herein after mentioned Given and Granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do give & Grant unto the Said Andrew McMillan & to his Heirs & Assigns forever a Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Containing Tow THOUSAND ACRES Lying & being within the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid & butted & bounded as follows (Viz) Begining at a Stake & Stones on the North Side Line of Conway and is the South Easterly Corner Bounds of Land this Day granted to Cap^{t} William Stark & from thence South Eighty Two Degrees East Three Hundred & Thirty four Rods to an other Stake & Stones Standing in Conway Line aforesaid then Turning off at right angles & Runing North Eight Degrees East Three miles to a Stake & Stones from thence turning off & Runing North Eighty Two Degrees West Three Hundred & Thirty four Rods to a Stake & *1-285 Stones which is *the North Easterly Corner Bounds of the afore Said Tract of Land granted to Cap^{t} Stark then turning of at right Angles & runs by Said Starks Land South Eight Degrees West three Miles to the Stake & Stones in Conway Line aforesaid which it began at To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the Said Andrew & to his Heirs & Assigns forever upon the following Conditions & Reservations (Viz) First That the Said Andrew his Heirs or assigns shall Plant & Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every Fifty acres Contain^{d} in this Grant & continue to Improve & Settle the Same by aditional Cultivating on Penalty of the forfieture of this his Grant & of its reverting to us our heirs & Successors to be by us or them regranted to such of our Subjects as shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same 2^{ly} That all white & other Pine Trees within said Tract fit for masting Our Royal Navy be carefully Preserved for that use & none to be Cutt or Felld without our Especial Licence for so doing first had & obtaind upon the Penalty of Forfeitting the right of the Grantee his Heirs or assigns to us our Heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or shall be Enacted hereafter (3^{dly}) Yielding & Paying therefor unto us our Heirs & Successors for the Space of Ten Years to be Computed from the Date hereof the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only on the 25th day of December annually if Lawfully demanded (4^{ly}) The Said Grantee his Heirs or Assigns shall Yield & Pay unto us our Heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year forever from and after the Expiration of Ten Years from the above

Said 25th Day of December Namely on the 25th Day of December which will be in the Year of our Lord 1775 One Shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Said Land which Money shall be paid by the respective owner Settler or Possessor as aforesaid in our Council Chamber in Portsmo in the Province aforesaid or to such officer or officers as Shall be appointed to receive the Same. and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Benning Wentworth Esq our aforesaid Governour the 25th Day of October in the fifth Year of our Reign and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1765

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Comand
with advice of Council
Theodr Atkinson Junr Secry

Provce of New Hampr ss Portsmo Octobe 25th 1765
Then Lieut Andrew McMillan the above mentioned Grantee Personally Appeared & made Solemn Oath that the above Grant for Two Thousand Acres of Land is bona Fide all the Land he has Receivd any Grant of by Virtue of his majestys Proclamation in the Above Grant mentioned and that he doth not Expect any further Grant for Services therein mentioned
Sworn coram Wyseman Clagitt Justice of Peace

[Grant to Vere Royse, 1769.]

*Province of New Hampshire. *1–344

Vere Royse's Grant

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the Faith and so forth.

L. S.

To all to whom these Presents shall come. Greeting.

Whereas we have tho't fit by our Proclamation at St James's the 7th day of October in the Third year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1763 (among other Things to Testify our Royal sense and approbation of the Conduct and Bravery of the Officers &

Soldiers of our Armies, & signified our desire to reward the same; and have therein Commanded and Impowered our several Governor's of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America, to Grant without fee or reward to such reduced Officers as have served in N° America during the late War and to such Private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there & shall personally apply for the same, such Quantities of Land respectively as in and by our aforesaid Proclam^a, are Particularly mentioned, subject nevertheless to the same Quit Rents and Conditions of Cultivation and Improvement as other our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are granted. AND WHEREAS VERE ROYSE of Portsmo in our said Province Gentleman had our Appointment as LIEUTENANT in our Service; and served during the late War in N° America, and is now reduced & he having personally applied & Sollicited for such Grant agreable to our afores^d Proclamation. KNOW YE that we of our special Grace, certain Knowledge & mere Motion, do signify our approbation as aforesaid, and for encouraging the Settlement & Cultivation of our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England, HAVE (by and with the advice of our Trusty and well-beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^r our Governor and Commander in Cheif of our said Province of New Hampshire, and of our Council of the same, agreable to our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation, and upon the Conditions and Reservations hereafter mentioned,) GIVEN and Granted, and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors, Do Give and Grant unto the said VERE ROYSE and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, a certain *1-345 Tract or Parcel of Land, situate, lying *and being within our said Province, containing by admeasurement Two thousand Acres, as by a Plan or Survey of said Tract exhibited by our Survey^r General of Lands for our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid, and returned into the Secretary's Office (a Copy whereof is hereunto annex'd,) may more fully appear: butted and bounded as follows Viz^t—Begining at a Bass wood Tree spotted and marked V. R. standing at the distance of 892 rods S. 81° W. from y^e crotch where the N° branch com'only call^d Ellis's River empties itself into Saco river thence runing N° 80° West Two Miles and an half mile to a beech Tree, spotted and marked V. R. from thence runing S° 10° W. one mile and a quarter of a Mile to a Red birch Tree spotted & mark'd V. R. then turning off at right Angles and runing S° 80° E. Two miles and an half mile to a spruce Tree spotted and mark'd V. R. then turning off at Right Angles and

runing N° 10° E. one mile & a Quarter of a Mile to the Bass Tree began at. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above express'd to him the said VERE and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, upon the following Terms, Conditions and Reservations, Viz^{t}

First—THAT the said Grantee shall cut, clear and make passable for Carriages &c^{a} a Road of three Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall at any Time hereafter be Directed or Order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid, which Road is to be completed in Two Years from the date of such Order or direction of the Governor and Council aforesaid, on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant, and of its reverting to us our Heirs and successors.—

Second—THAT the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Ten Families in Four Years from the date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & Cultivate the same.—

Third—THAT all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the said Tract of Land his heirs & Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliam^{t}—

4th FOURTH—Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the 29th day of Sept^{r}—1778, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

5th. THAT the said Grantee his heirs or Assigns shall yield & pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for Ever from and after the expiration of one year from the above-said 29th day of September namely on the 29th day of Sept^{r} Which will be in the year of our Lord 1779, *ONE *1-346 SHILLING Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns, Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land afores^{d}—which money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor or Setler as aforesaid in our Council Chamber in Portsm^{o} or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and these to be in lieu of all other Rents and services whatsoever.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed WITNESS JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^{r} our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Cheif the 6th day

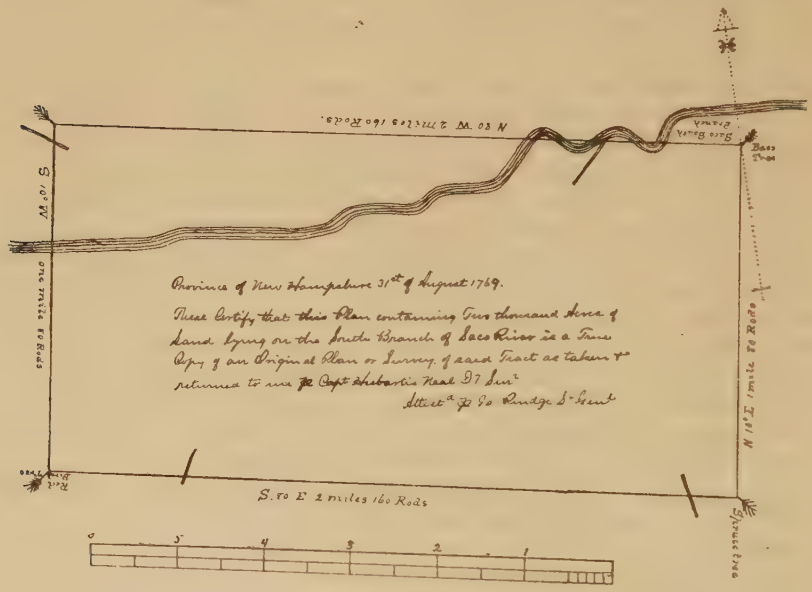
of September in the Ninth year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1769.

J' Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command } with advice of Council }
Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry

Prov. of New Hampshire Sept^r 6^th 1769
Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal

Att^r Theodore Atkinson Sec^y


Province of New Hampshire 31st of August 1769.
These Certify that this Plan containing Two thousand Acres of Land lying on the South Branch of Saco River is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me by Capt Thobarlis Read 97 Surv.
Attest. by Jo Rindge S. Genl
S. 50 E 2 miles 160 Rods
N 18° E 1 mile 80 Rods
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[Grant to William Stark, 1765.]

*1–282 *Province of New Hamp^r
Cap^t W^m Starks
Grant of 3000 Acres—

P—S.

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting Whereas we have tho^t fit by our Proclamation at St. Jamess the

7 Day of October in the Third Year of our Reign Annoq Domini 1763 (amoungst Other Things to Testify our Royal & approbation of the Conduct & Bravery of the officers & Soldiers of our Armies and to Signify Our Desires to reward the same & have therein Comanded & Impowered our Several Governours of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to Grant without Fee or Reward to such reduced officers as have Served in North America during the late Warr & to Such Private Soldiers as have been or Shall be disbanded there and Shall Personally apply for such Quantys of Land Respectivly as in & by our aforesaid Proclamation are Perticularly mentioned Subject nevertheless to the Same Quit Rents & Conditions of Culture & improvment as other our Lands are Subject in the Province within which they are Granted—and Whereas William Starke of Dunbarton in our Province aforesaid Esq had Our Appointment as Captain of one of our Independent Companys of Rangers and Served during the late War in North America and is now reduced & he having Personally Applyed & Sollicited such Grant agreable to our aforesaid Proclamation Know Ye that we of Our Special Grace certain Knowledge & mere motion do Signify our approbation as aforesaid and for Encourageing the Settlement & Cultivation our Land within our Said Province of New Hampshire in New England have by & with the Advice of our Trusty & Well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq Governour & Comander in Chieff of our Said Province of New Hampshire & of our Council for the Said Province (agreable to our aforesaid in Part Recited Proclamation and upon the Conditions & Reservations hereafter mentioned) given & granted & by these Presents for us our hiers & successors do give & grant unto the Said William Stark and to his Heirs & Assignes forever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing Three Thousand Acres lying & being within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid, & butted & bounded as follows Viz begining at the North Westerly Corner of Conway being a Beach Tree marked from thence South Eighty two Degrees East Five Hundred Rodds to a Stake & Stones in Conway Line aforesaid thence Turning of at right Angles & runing North Eight Degrees East Three miles to a Stake & Stones then turning off again & Runing North Eighty two degrees West five Hundred rodds to a Stake & Stones then turning off again & runing South Eight degrees West Three miles to a Beach Tree at the Corner of Conway aforesaid the Bounds began at to have & to Hold the Said Tract of Land as above Expressed to him the Said William & to his Heirs and

assigns for ever upon the following Conditions & reservations (Viz) (First) That the Said William his Heirs or assigns shall Plant & Cultivate five acres of Land within the Term of Five Years for every fifty acres containd in this his Grant & Continue to improve & Settle the Same by Aditional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfieture of this his Grant & of its reverting to us our *1-283 Heirs & *Sucessors to be by us or them regranted to such of our subjects as shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same—(2dly) That all White & other Pine Trees within Said Tract fit for masting our royal Navy be carefully Preserved for that Use & none to be Cutt or felld without Our Special Licence for so ding first had & obtaind upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee in the Said Land his Heirs & Assigns to us our Heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter Shall be Enacted—(3dly) Yielding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of Ten years from the Date hereof the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only on the 25th Day of December Annually (if Lawfully Demanded (4) the Said Grantee his Heirs or Assigns shall Yield & Pay unto us our Heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year for ever from & after the Expiration of Ten Years from the above Said 25th of December Namely on the 25th Day of December which will be in the Year of our Lord 1775 One Shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and so in Proportion for a greater or Lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid which money Shall be paid by the respective owner Settler or Possessor as afore Said in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth in the Province afore Said or to such Officer or officers as Shall be appointed to recieve the Same & this to be in Lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Provce to be hereunto Affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq Our aforesaid Governour the 25th Day of October in the Fifth Year of our Reign & in the Year of our Lord Christ 1765

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Comand
with advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson junr Scry

Province of New Hampshire ss Portsmo Octobr 25 1765
Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal ℔ T Atkinson jun Secry

BATH.

[Granted Sept. 10, 1761, to Rev. Andrew Gardner and others. Regranted March 29, 1769, to John Sawyer and others.

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 164; Index to Laws, 49; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 132; Historical Sketch, by David Sutherland, 13, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 105; Historical Address, by David Sutherland, 1854, with supplementary notes by Thomas Boutelle, 1855, pp. 135; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 509.]

[Bath Charter, 1761.]

*Province of New-Hampshire. *2–181

Bath

P– S–

GEORGE, the Third, By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New Hampshire, in *New-England*, and of our Council of the said Province; Have, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement

Acres, which Tract is to contain

Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at a

Norway Pine Tree Standing on the Banks of Connecticut River on the North Side of the Mouth of Ammonoosock River which Tree is Marked with the Figure 10 From thence Running South fifty Five degrees East Six Miles & One Quarter of a Mile—Then Begining at the aforesaid Tree & Running up Connecticut River as that Runs so far as to Make it Six Miles on a Strait Line, thence Six Miles on such a Point as will be Six Miles from the End of the Six Miles & a Quarter first above Mention'd And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Bath And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town *2–182 shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the last Tuesday of this Instant September which said Meeting shall be Notified by Mr Andrew Gardner who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all the Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth* or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness Benning Wentworth, Esq: Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Tenth Day of September In the Year of our Lord Christ, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One And in the First Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His Excellency's Command,
With Advice of Council.
Theodore Atkinson Sec^y

Province of New Hampshire Sep^{r} 10th 1761
Recorded According to the Origonal Charter under the Province Seal

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

*2–183 *The Names of the Grantees of Bath (Viz)

Andrew Gardner	Zebdiel Boylston	Ezra Frost
John Gardner	Moses Coope	Peleg Frost
Robert Lord	John Coope	Reuben Frost
Nathan Lynde	William Kenady	William Simons
Benjamin Lord	Simon Tucker	William Willard
Willoughby Lynde	Oliver Tucker	Peter Freeman
William Grimes	Noah Boman	Ezra Woodcock
Joseph Peirce	Hezekiah Rider	Amos Brent
Julian Frye	Oliver Rider	Simon Rust
Zephania Temple	Jehiel Faster	John Harkman
Job Spooner	Jareb Faster	Nathaniel Powers
Ezra Fox	Obediah Southmel	Robert Parker
Simon Fox	Silvanus Maccumber	Joel Mathews
John Fitch	Nathaniel Fellows	Simon Stevens
John Coult	John Bacon	Theodore Atkinson Esq^{r}
Peter Coult	Ruben Bacon	Joseph Newmarch Esq^{r}
John Gardner	Ruben Darling	Benning Wentworth [ton
James Raymond	Judah Adams	Samuel Wentworth Esq Bos-
Noah Harris	Roger Ayres	John Nelson &
Simon Harris	Job Ayres	Theodore Atkinson Jun^{r} Esq
Dudley Boilston	John Hawley	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq^{r} a Tract to Contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked in the Plan B-W—which is to be Accounted Two of the within Shares, One whole Share for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established, One Share for the first Setled Minister of the Gospel, & One Share for the Benefit of a School in said Town——

Province of New Hampshire Sep^{r} 10, 1761
Recorded from the back of the Origional Charter for Bath under the Province Seal

Attested ℔ Theodore Atkinson Se^{ry}

Province of New Hamp^{r} Sept^{r} 10–1761
Recorded from the Back of the original Charter of Bath under the Pro^{v} Seal

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

[Bath Charter, 1769.]

*Province of New Hampshire (Bath.) } George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith & so forth— *4–9

Whereas by the Petition of Nehemiah Lovewell and others his Associates Proprietors in the Township of Bath, acknowledged to

be forfeited by not complying with the Terms of Settlement in the Charter, and praying for a renewal of the same—that they may be quieted in their several Settlements & the delinquent Shares be granted to them, which being Consider'd,—

THEREFORE, KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere motion, for the due encouragment of setling a new Plantation within our said Province, by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esq^{r} our Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England, and of our Council of the said Province—HAVE upon the Conditions and reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors Do give and grant in equal Shares unto our Loyal Subjects inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and our other Governments who hath Petitioned us for the same, setting forth their readiness to make immediate settlement, and to their heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are enter'd on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into One hundred equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land known by the name of BATH, situate, lying and being within our Province of New Hampshire containing by admeasurement Twenty thousand & ninety Acres which is to contain something less than Six miles Square; out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, mountains and Rivers, One thousand & forty Acres free according to a Plan and Survey thereof, exhibited by our Surveyor General, by our said Governor's Order, and Returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annex'd, butted and bounded as follows, Viz^{t}—Begining at the mouth of Ammonoosuck River at a Pine Tree marked with the figures 9 & 10, and with the Letters B W, thence up Connecticut River as that tends to a Pine Tree marked with the figures 10 & 11, which is also the South *4–10 west corner bounds of Lyman, then turning *off, and runing South fifty five degrees East Six miles to a Beech tree marked B L, C. L D, ⸸ Surveyor's mark, from thence South Two degrees East six miles and 14 Chains to a spruce Tree marked B B, ⸸ then turning off again and runing North Fifty five degrees West, six miles and one Quarter of a mile to the bounds first mention'd.—TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them & their respective heirs and Assigns for ever, by the Name of BATH aforesaid, upon the following Conditions, Viz^{t}. FIRST—That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be

setled Twelve families who shall be actually cultivating some part of the land, & resident thereon, on or before the first day of May 1770, and so to continue making further & additional improvement, cultivation and settlement of the Premises, so that there shall be actually setled and resident thereon Sixty families by the first day of May 1774, on penalty of the forfeiture of such delinquent's Share, & of such Shares reverting to us our heirs & Successors, to be by us or them enter'd upon, & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle & Cultivate the same—SECOND That all white and other Pine trees within the said Township fit for masting our Royal navy, be carefully preserved for that use, and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing, first had & obtained, upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his heirs and Assigns to us our heirs and successors as well as being subject to the penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliam^{t} that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted. THIRD That before any division of the land be made to and among the Grantees, a tract of land as near the centre of the said Township as the land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the contents of One Acre FOURTH. *Yielding *4–11 and paying therefor to us our heirs and Successors on or before the first day of May 1770, the rent of one ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded. FIFTH—That every Proprietor Settler or inhabitant shall yield & pay unto us our heirs & Successors yearly and every year for ever, from and after the expiration of one Year from the abovesaid first day of May, namely on the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord 1771, ONE shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns, Settles or Possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser tract of the said Land, which money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsm^{o} or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, SIXTH—and that a good Waggon road not less than Two rods wide be laid out and cut thro' the said Town by or before the first day of May 1770, on penalty of the forfeiture of the Premises; and this to be in lieu of all other rents & services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereto affix'd, Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor and Commander in Cheif of our said Province of New Hampshire the 29th day of March in the

year of our Lord Christ 1769, and in the 9th. year of our Reign.

J Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command with advice of Council.
T : Atkinson Jun^{r} Sec^{ry}

L : S :

Ent^{d} & Recorded according to the Grant of Bath under the Province Seal this 29th March 1769.

℔ Geo : King D. Sec^{y}

Names of the Grantees of the township of Bath.

John Sawyer	James Dogge	Deliverance Sawyer
William Hayward	Ebenezer Richardson	Joseph King
John Hazzen	Joshua Bayley	Nehemiah Lovewell
Moses Pike	Edward Blair	John Hazzen Jun^{r}
Andrew Savage Crocker	Timothy Barron	John Taplin
John Hugh	Benj^{a} Sawyer	Jacob Hall
Robert Bedel	John Hastings	Luther Richardson
*4–12 *Samuel Sanborn	James Haslett	John Peters
Benjamin Sanborn	Thomas Akencross	Shubael Cross
Benjamin Sanborn Jun^{r}	Daniel Lunt	Bradbury Richardson
Samuel Sanborn Jun^{r}	Nehemiah Wheeler	Peter Garland
Daniel Been	Theod^{r} Moses	Charles Hinkley
Timothy Bedel	Mark Sevey	Clement March Esq :
Nathaniel Merrill	W^{m} Appleton	Samuel Phelps
Cyrus Bedel	Alexander Morrison	David Barber
Moody Beedel	Eliphalet Daniels	John Mason [son Esq :
Joseph White	Rich^{d} Cutts Shannon	The H^{ble} Theod^{r} Atkin-
Jacob Kent	Perkins Ayres	Theod^{r} Atkinson Jun^{r}. Esq :
James Bayley	Benjamin Miller	Henry Prescott [Boston
Abner Bayley	George Waldron	Benning Wentworth of
Samuel Hale	Cornelius Sullivan	Robert Harold
Jon^{a} Fowler	Joseph Wright Esq^{r}	John Hurd Esq :
Nehemiah Lovewell Jun^{r}	Jotham Rindge	John Mascarene Esq :
Jaasiel Herriman	David Copp	Jon^{a} Clarke Jun^{r} of Bos-
Joseph Herriman Jun^{r}	Jn^{o} Sherburne Jun^{r}	James Bigbie [ton
Benj^{a} Slade	Alexander Phelps Esq^{r}.	Benj^{a} Yetton
Joseph Simes	Jacob Bayley Esq :	John Bacon
Robert Gilman	Israel Morey Esq :	Thomas Abby
Philip Gilman	Ichabod Palmer	Samuel Rogers

Paul March	Ebenezer Somes	John Pierce
Joseph March	Nathan Caswell	Samuel Dyer [Esq:
William Welch	Jon[a] Bagley Esq:	Nath[l] Peaslee Sargent
Isaac Rindge Esq[r]	Elijah King	W[m] Belknap of Bath.

Glebe for the Church of England,

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Bath under the Province Seal the 29th March 1769.

Att[r] Geo: King D Sec[y]

Province of New Hampshire.

These may Certify that this Plan of Bath Beginning at the Mouth of Ammonoosuck River at a Pine Tree marked with the figures 9 & 10 & with the letters B W. thence up Connecticut River as that tends to a Pine Tree marked with the Figures 10 & 11, which is also the South west corner Bounds of Lyman, then turning off & running South Fifty five Degrees East Six Miles to a Beech Tree marked B L, C, L D, ♀ Surveyor's Mark, from thence South Two Degrees East Six Miles and 14 Ch[s] to a Spruce Tree marked B B ♀ then turning off again & running North 55 Deg[s] West 6 Miles & one quarter of a Mile to the Bounds first mentioned Contains Twenty thousand & Ninety Acres and is a true Copy of an Original plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me by Elijah King D[y] Survey[r]

Attest. Is. Rindge S. G[l]

Each. Each. 640 Acres
Each. 640 Acres
Each. 640 Acres

BEDFORD.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Narragansett No.* 5, Feb 12, 1733–4. Afterwards called *Souhegan East*. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors, Nov. 9, 1748. Incorporated as Bedford, May 19, 1750, and named in honor of the Duke of Bedford. A portion of the town was annexed to Manchester, July 1, 1853.

See Massachusetts charters preceding, and Masonian Papers in following volumes: IX, Bouton Town Papers, 50; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 176; Index to Laws, 51; Topographical and Historical Sketch, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 288; discourse, by Thomas Savage, 1841, pp. 16; centennial address, by Isaac O. Barnes, 1850, pp. 45; History, pub. by Alfred Mudge, 1851, pp. 364; historical discourse, by Ira C. Tyson, 1876, pp. 31; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 265; History of the Catholic Church in the United States, by John G. Shea, 1890, Vol. 3, p. 108; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 156; Memorial Addresses on Life and Character of Zachariah Chandler, 1880; Life of Zachariah Chandler, 1880; sketch, 12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 47.]

[Bedford Incorporated, 1750.]

*Province of New Hamp^{r} *1–67

Bedford

{ P. Seal }

George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^{a}

To all to whom the Presents Shall come Greeting—

Whereas our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire afores^{d} Lying at or near A Place called Sowhegon on the West Side of the River Merrimack have Humbly Petitioned and requested to us that they may be Erected & Incorporated into A Township & Infranchised with the Same Powers & Previledges which other Towns within our S^{d} Province by Law have & Injoy and it Appearing to us to be Conducive to the General Good of our Said Province as well as of the Inhabitants in Perticular by maintaining good order & Encourageing the Culture of the Land that the Same Should be Don Know ye therefore that we of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge and for the Encouragem^{t} & Promoteing the good Purposes & Ends afores^{d} By & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Comander in Chieff & of our Council for Said Province of New Hampshire Have

Erected & ordained and by these Presents for us our hiers & Successors Do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of A Tract of Land Aforesaid or that Shall Inhabit & Improve thereon hereafter BUTTED & BOUNDED as follows (Viz) begining at A Place Three miles North from the bridge over Souhegon River at John Chamberlains house & thence to run East by the needle to Merimack River to A Stake & Stones and to Extend that Line West until it Intersects A Line known by the name of the West Line of Souhegon East and from thence to run North Two Degrees West about Three miles & an half to A Beach Tree marked Called Souhegon West's North East Corner, thence South Eighty Eight Degrees West by an old Line of marked Trees to A Chesnut Tree marked, from thence North Two Degrees West Two miles to an Hemlock Tree marked called the North West Corner of Said Souhegan East, thence East by the Needle to Merrimack River to a Stake & Stones thence Southerly as Merrimack River Runs to the Stake & Stones first mentioned AND by these Presents Are Declared & ordained to be A Town Corporate & Are hereby Erected & Incorporated into a body Pollitick & A Corporation to have Continueance for Ever by the name of BEDFORD with all the Powers And Authorities Previledges Immunities & Infranchizes to them the Said Inhabitants & thier Successors forever always Reserveing to us our hiers & Successors all white Pine Trees growing & being or that hereafter Shall grow & be on the Said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy Reserving also the Power of Divideing the Said
*1-68 Town to us our hiers & *Successors when it Shall Appear necessary & Convenient for the benefit of the Inhabitants thereof—It is to be understood & is Accordingly hereby Declared that the Private Property of the Soil is in no manner of Way to be Affected by this Charter and as the Several Towns within Our Said Province of New Hampshire Are by the Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of Votes to Chuse all Such Officers as Are mentioned in the Said Laws We Do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint John Goffe Esq to call the first meeting of Said Inhabitants to be held within the Said Town at Any time within Thirty Days from the Date hereof Giveing Legal Notice of the Time & Design of Holding Such Meeting after which the Annual Meeting in Said Town Shall be held for the Choice of Town officers &c[a] for Ever on the Last Wednesday in March Annually—

In Testimony Whereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Benning Wentworth Esq

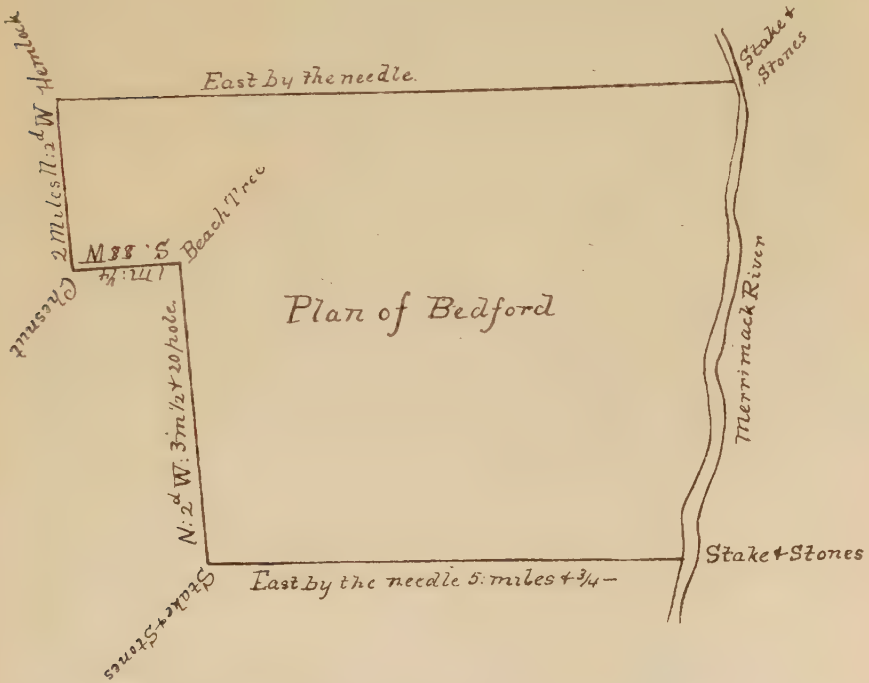
Our Governour & Comander in Chieff of Our Said Province the nineteenth Day of May in the year of Our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred & fifty & in the Twenty third Year of Our Reign

B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Command
with Advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Secry

Entred & recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal this 21 Day of May 1750—

Attestr Theodore Atkinson Sery


East by the needle.
Stake & Stones
2 Miles N: 2 d W Hemlock
Chesnut
Mast S Beach Tree
Plan of Bedford
Merrimack River
N: 2 d W: 3 m 1/2 + 20 pole.
Stake & Stones
East by the needle 5: miles + 3/4 —
Stake & Stones

Entred & Recorded According to the Original Plan on the back of the Charter the 21st May 1750

Theodore Atkinson Secry

BELMONT.

[Set off from Gilmanton and incorporated as *Upper Gilmanton*, June 29, 1859. The name was changed to Belmont June 24, 1869, in honor of August Belmont.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 302; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 1; Index to Laws, 53; sketch, by A. J. Hackett, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 717; History of Gilmanton, by Daniel Lancaster, 1845, pp. 304.]

BENNINGTON.

[This town was constituted from parts of Greenfield, Francestown, Deering, and Hancock, and was incorporated Dec. 15, 1842. A part of Society Land was annexed Dec. 20, 1842.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 299; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 490, 680; XII, *id.*, 152; Index to Laws, 57; sketch, by James Holmes, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 284; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 160.]

BENTON.

[Granted as *Coventry*, Jan. 31, 1764, to Theophilus Fitch and others. The name was changed to Benton, Dec. 4, 1840, in honor of Thomas H. Benton.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 192; Index to Laws, 57; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 148; History, in manuscript, by William F. Whitcher; The Benton Range and Mt. Moosilauke, by H. E. Spalding, 2, Appalachia, 28; Mt. Waternomee and the Blue Ridge, by M. I. Stone, 4, *id.*, 75; A Day and a Night on the Benton Range, by F. O. Carpenter, 5, *id.*, 128, 151; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 580.]

[Coventry Charter, 1764.]

*Province of New-Hampshire *3–82

Coventry GEORGE, the Third,

P—S. By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know Ye, that We, of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of

our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy one equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, 24000 *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the South Easterly Corner Bounds of the Town of Haverhill thence running South fifty Eight Degrees East Six Miles & one half Mile thence North Twenty four degrees East about Seven Miles & three Quarters of a Mile thence North fifty five Degrees West about Six Miles to the North Easterly Corner of Haver Hill afore Said then South Twenty five Degrees West by Haver Hill afore Said to the Bounds began at And that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Coventry And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or *3–83 more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday of March next which

said Meeting shall be Notified by Theophilus Fitch Esq who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1764

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1774 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or

lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in Portsmouth, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 31—Day of January In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty four And in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command
With Advice of COUNCIL,
Theodore Atkinson Junr Secry
Provy N Hampr Janry 31–1764
Recorded According to the original Charter under the Provy Seal

℔ T Atkinson Junr Secry

*Names of the Grantees of Coventry— *3–84

Theophilus Fitch Esq	Ephraim Smith	Sylvanus Sealey
John Fransher	James Smith	Silas Hoit
Elipalet Sealey	John Battes	Willm Fansher
James Banks	Jessee Smith	Daniel Benedict
Daniel Stevens	Peter Husted	Nathaniel Hoit
Joshua Ambler	Samuel Bowton	Enos Weed
Amos Weed	Jahial Bowton	Theophilus Hanford
Samuel Weed	Zebulon Husted	Hezekiah Davenport
Benja Weed	David St Johns	Nathll Waterbury
Isaac Weed	Joseph Ambler	James Scofield
Peter Weed	Charles Smith	James Bates
Ebenezr Hoit	John Bates	Thomas Saymore Junr
Hezekia Weed	Abraham Weed	John Fansher Junr
Joshua Waterbury	Ruben Weed	Silvanus Weed
Joseph Davenport	Nathaniel Loundsbury	Mathew Fountain
Gideon Leads	Admer Stephens	Joseph Lockwood
Samuel Crissey	Obediah Stephens	Adonijah Brown
Obedia Sealey	Obediah Stephens junr	The Honble John Temple
Deodat Davenport	Nathaniel Weed	Theodr Atkinson
Ebenezr Schofield	Eleazr Bowton	Mk Hug Wentworth
Isaac Amsdale	Eliphalet Sealey junr	Theodr Atkinson Junr
Samuel Belding	Wix Sealey	Esqrs

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked B W— in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts One whole Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established One Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel and One Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town forever

Pro^{v} of New Hamp^{r} Jan^{ry} 31 1764 Recorded from the Original on the Back of the Original Charter under the Pr^{o} Seal—

℔ T Atkinson Jun^{r} Sec^{ry}

South Easterly Corner of Haverhill
Haverhill
North Easterly Corner of Haverhill
BW
Plan of Coventry
South 24 deg: East abt 6 ¼ Miles
North 24 deg: West abt 6 Miles
North 24 deg: East abt 7 Miles ¾

Prov^{e} of New Hamp^{r} Jan^{ry} 31—1764

Recorded from the Plan on the Back of the Original Charter under the Pro^{v} Seal

℔ T Atkinson Jun^{r} Sec^{ry}

[Grant to Ammi R. Cutter, 1770.]

*Province of New Hampshire. * 1–357

{ Dr. Cutter's Grant. } George the Third by the grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith &c[a]—

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting.

Whereas we have tho't fit by our Proclamation at S[t] James's the 7[th] day of October in the 3[d] year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1763 (among other Things to testify our Royal sense and approbation of the conduct and bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of our Armies, & signifying our desire to reward the same, and have therein commanded and impower'd our several Governors of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without fee or reward to such reduced Officers as have served in North America during the late War and to such Private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there, and shall personally apply for the same, such quantities of Land respectively as in and by our aforesaid Proclamation are particularly mentioned, subject nevertheless to the same Quit Rents & conditions of cultivation & improvement as other our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are granted And whereas Ammi Ruhamah Cutter of Portsm[o] in our said Province Physician had our appointment as Surgeon of one of our Regiments and serv'd during the late War, and is now reduced; and he having personally applied & solicited for such Grant agreable to our aforesaid Proclamation, Know Ye therefore that we of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion do signify our approbation as aforesaid and for *encouraging the Settlement and cultivation of our Lands *1–358 within our said province of New Hampshire Have by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esq[r] our Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province and of our Council of the same (agreable to our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation and upon the Conditions & reservations herein after mentioned) Given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give & grant unto the said Ammi Ruhamah Cutter and to his heirs and Assigns for Ever, a certain tract of Land containing by admeasurement three thousand seven hundred and ninety six Acres one Rood & sixteen Perches out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands, Seven hundred and ninety six Acres one Rood & sixteen

Perches which said Tract is situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire as by a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order and returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows Viz^{t} Beginning at a stake and stones on the East line of Haverhill & runing North Twenty five degrees East three miles and One Hundred and forty one Rods to a beech Tree, thence turning off & runing South Fifty five degrees East (by Landaff) one mile and three quarters of a mile to a hemlock tree marked C. C. DC. thence turning off and running South Twenty five degrees West three miles and One hundred and forty one Rods to a spruce Tree, thence turning off and running North Fifty five degrees West one mile and three quarters of a mile to the bounds began at. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the said Ammi Ruhamah and to his heirs and Assigns for Ever upon the following Terms Conditions and Reservations Viz^{t} FIRST—That the said Grantee shall cut, clear and make passable for Carriages &c a Road of four Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall at any time hereafter be directed or order'd by the Governor and Council aforesaid which Road is to be completed in Two years from the date of such Order or direction of the Governor and
*1-359 Council aforesaid on penalty of the *forfeiture of this Grant and of it's reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

SECOND. That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled FIVE Families in Five years from the date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects asshall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

THIRD. That all white and other Pine Trees being and growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserv'd for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee in the said Tract his heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTH Yielding paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of March 1779, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demanded.

FIFTH That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield

and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every year for Ever from and after the expiration of one year from the abovesaid first day of March, namely on the first day of March which will be in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred & Eighty, One Shilling Proclamation money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or Lesser tract of the said Land, which money shall be paid by the respective Owner, Settler or Proprietor as aforesaid in our Council chamber in Portsm° or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and these to be in lieu of all other rents and services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq^r our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire the fifth day of February in the 10^th^ year of our Reign and in the year of our Lord Christ 1770.

By his Excellency's Command with advice of Council.

Theo : Atkinson Sec^y

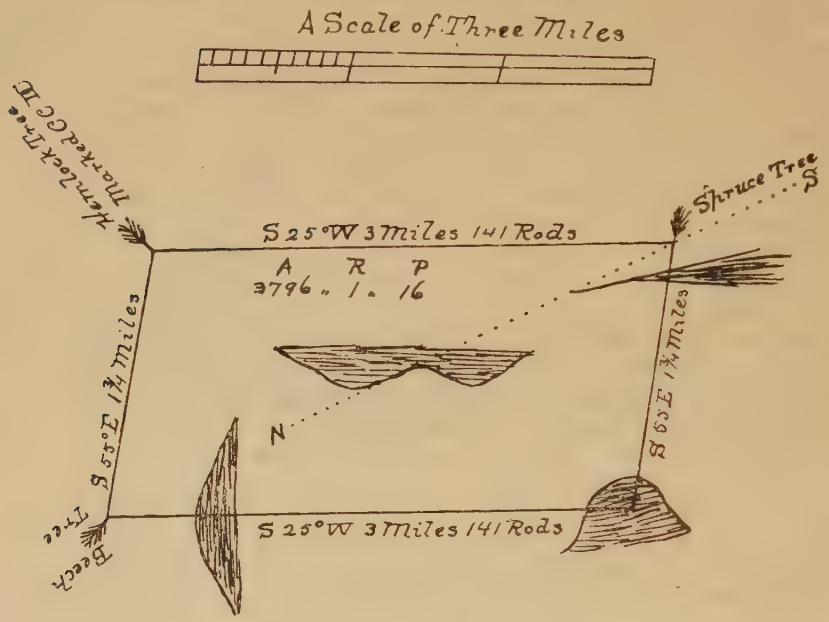
J' { L.S. } Wentworth.

Province of New Hampshire Feb^y 5^th^ 1770

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal.

P^r Geo : King D Sec^y

[This plan is taken from Vol. 5, p. 34.]


A Scale of Three Miles
Hemlock Tree
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Spruce Tree
S 25° W 3 Miles 141 Rods
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S 65° E 1¾ Miles
Beech Tree
S 25° W 3 Miles 141 Rods

Province of New Hampshire. Portsmouth 4th Janry 1770

These Certify that this Plan beginning at Stake and Stones on the East line of Haverhil & running N 25° East 3 Miles and 141 Rods to a Beach Tree thence turning off & Running So 55° East by Landaff one Mile & ¾ to a hemlock Tree Marked C C DC thence turning off & running So 25° West 3 Miles & 141 rods to a Spruce Tree thence turning off again & Running N 55° W one Mile and three Quarters to the Bounds began at. contains Three Thousand Acres of land besides an Allowance of Seven hundred Ninety Six Acres one Rood & Sixteen perch for unimprovable land & is a True Copy of an Original plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me by Mr Dudley Colman Deputy Surr

Attest ℘ Is Rindge S. Gl—

Recorded According to the Original

Attest E Thompson Secry

[GRANT TO GEORGE KING, 1770.]

*Province of New Hampshire *1–360

{ Geo: King Esq^r his Grant } GEORGE THE THIRD by the grace of GOD of Great Britain France and Ireland KING defender of the ffaith &c:—

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING.

WHEREAS we have tho't fit by our Proclamation at S^t James's the seventh day of October in the Third year of our Reign Anno domini 1763 among other things to Testify our Royal sense and approbation of the conduct and bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of our Armies and signified our desire to reward the same and have therein commanded & impower'd our several Governors of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without fee or reward to such reduced Officers as have served in North America during the late War and to such private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there and shall personally apply for the same, such quantities of Land respectively as in and by our *aforesaid Proclamation are particularly *1–361 mentioned, subject nevertheless to the same Quit rents and Conditions of cultivation and improvement as our other Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are granted. And whereas GEORGE KING of Portsm^o in the Province aforesaid, Esq^r had our appointment as an Overseer of Artificers at the Siege of Louisbourgh and served in that and other Capacities during the late War, and is now reduced: & he having personally applied & solicited for such Grant agreable to our aforesaid Proclamation KNOW YE that we of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion do signify our approbation as aforesaid and for encouraging the settlement and cultivation of our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved J^N^o WENTWORTH Esq^r our Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province and of our Council of the same, agreeable to our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation and upon the Conditions and reservations herein after mentioned given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do give and grant unto the said GEORGE KING his Heirs and Assigns for ever a certain tract of Land containing by admeasurement Three thousand Four hundred and seventy Eight Acres out of which an allowance is to be made of Four hundred & seventy Eight Acres free of Quit

Rent for Unimproveable Land situate, lying and being within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid as by a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Survey^r of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows Viz^t Begining at a Hemlock Tree marked C C. G K Surveyor's mark DC, standing in the line on the Southwesterly side of the Township of Landaff thence runing South Fifty five degrees East two miles to a maple tree marked G K Surveyor's mark DC, thence turning off and running South Twenty five degrees West two Miles and three quarters of a Mile to a Spruce Tree marked G K. Surveyor's mark DC, thence turning off and runing North fifty five degrees West Two miles to a birch Tree mark'd G K, Surveyor's mark DC, thence turning off and runing North Twenty five degrees East Two miles & three Quarters of a mile by Land lately Survey'd & now about to be granted to Ammi Ruhamah Cutter to the Hemlock Tree began at. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the said GEORGE KING and his heirs and Assigns for Ever upon the following Terms, Conditions & reservations Viz^t—

*1–362 *FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut, clear & make passable for Carriages &c. a Road of Four Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall at any time hereafter be directed or Order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid which Road is to be completed in Two Years from the date of such Order or direction of the Governor and Council aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of it's reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

SECONDLY That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be setled Five Families in five years from the date of this Grant, in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

THIRDLY That all white and other Pine Trees being and growing within & upon the said Tract of Land fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserv'd for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the said Tract his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTHLY Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and

Successors on or before the first day of March 1779, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

Fifthly That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for Ever from and after the expiration of one Year from the abovesaid first day of March namely on the first day of March which will be in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand seven hundred and Eighty; One Shilling Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so Owns, Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or less Tract of the Land aforesaid; which money shall be paid by the respective Owner, Settler or Proprietor as aforesaid in our Council Chamber in Portsm° or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever. In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq^r our aforesaid Governor and Commander in Chief the Fifth day of February in the Tenth year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1770.

J { L. S. } Wentworth.

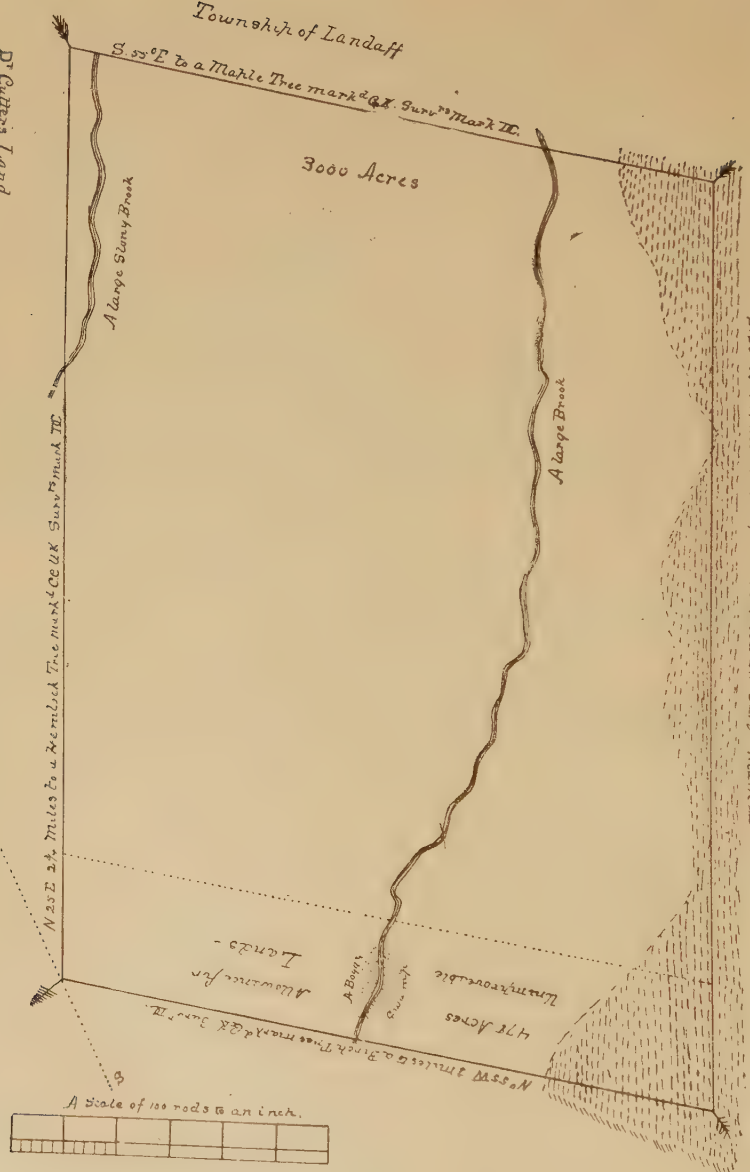
*By his Excellency's Command with advice of Council } *1–363

Theo: Atkinson Sec^ry

Province of New Hampshire 5^th Feb^y 1770

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal.

Att^t Theodore Atkinson Se^ry


Township of Landaff
S. 33° E. to a Maple Tree marked BK. Surv.rs Mark N.
3000 Acres
A large Stony Brook
A large Brook
Dr Cutler's Land
S. 25° W. 2¼ miles to a Spruce marked BK Surv.rs Mark N.
N. 25 E. 2¼ Miles to a Hemlock Tree mark'd CE BK Surv.rs Mark N.
N. 55 W. 3 miles to a Birch Tree mark'd BK Surv.rs N.
A Scale of 100 rods to an inch.

[GRANT TO GEORGE MESERVE, 1769.]

*Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland KING *1–341 defender of the faith & so forth.

L. S.

(Geo: Meserve's Grant) TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come; GREETING.

WHEREAS we have tho't fit by our order in Council at S^t. James's the 17^th day of February in the 6^th year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1766, upon Application made to us by GEORGE MESERVE Esq^r Praying for a Grant of Lands in our Province of New Hamps^r afores^d in order to make a settlement thereupon. THEREFORE KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere Motion, & for encouraging the Settlem^t and Culture of our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire, HAVE (by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^r our Governor and Command^r in Chief of our said Province, and of our Council of the same, agreeable to our aforesaid order in Council & upon the Conditions and Reservations herein particularly recited & express'd;) Given & granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors, do give and Grant unto the said GEORGE MESERVE and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing by admeasurement FIVE thousand Acres, with an Allowance of Thirteen hundred & Twenty seven Acres and one quarter of an Acre, for Unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, which said Tract is situate, lying and being within our Province aforesaid as by a plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province, by our said Gov^rs Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office (a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed,) may more fully appear, butted and bounded as follows, VIDELICET—Begining at the South East corner of Haverhill, and runing on the East Line of said Haverhill N° 25° E. Five Miles, 47 chains & 50 Links, from thence S° 55° E. by Land laid out to Doct^r Ammi Ruhamah Cutter, one Mile and three quarters of a Mile, from thence S° 25° W. 5 miles, 39 chains & 50 Links to a birch Tree, then turning off at Right Angles & runing N° 58° W. one mile & three Quarters of a mile to the S: E. corner of Haverhill the bounds began at. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as *above *1–342 express'd to him the said GEORGE MESERVE & to his

Heirs and Assigns for ever upon the following Terms, Conditions and Reservations, Viz^{t}—

First—That there be cut, cleared and made passable for Carriages &c^{a} thro' the said Tract a Road of three Rods wide to be completed within six years from the date of this Grant on penalty of the forfeiture of the Premises hereby Granted, & of their reverting to us our heirs and Successors.—

Second—That the said Grantee do settle the said Tract with Protestant Inhabitants within Ten years from the date of this Grant, in the Proportion of one Person for every Two hundred Acres, in failure whereof the said Tract to revert to us our Heirs & Successors.—

Third—That all white & other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy within the said Tract be carefully preserv'd for that Use, and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to any Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future act or Acts of Parliament.

Fourth—That there be reserv'd to us our Heirs and Successors such Parts of the Woodland as may be proper and Sufficient for the Supply of the Garrisons, Forts and Fortifications (in case any shall be erected within the said District) with Fuel, and for such other Purposes as we shall think proper to direct.

Fifth—That there be reserved to us our heirs and Successors all Mines of Gold, Silver and Coals, within the said Tract.

Sixth—That any part of the said Tract appearing to be well adapted to the growth of Hemp or Flax, the said Grantee shall sow and continue annually to cultivate a due proportion of the said Land, not less than one Rood in every Thousand Acres with that beneficial article of Produce.

Seventh—That there be reserved to us our Heirs and Successors an Annual Quit rent of one farthing p^{r} Acre Sterling payable on the feast of S^{t} Michael in every year; one half of which *1-343 to commence & become Payable on the said Feast *of S^{t} Michael which shall first happen after the Expiration of Five years from the date of this Grant, and which will be in the year of our Lord 1774, and to be payable on every ensuing Feast of S^{t} Michael or within Fourteen days after, and the whole to become Payable at the expiration of Ten years, namely on the Feast of S^{t} Michael in the year of our Lord 1779; which money shall be paid by the respective owner, Proprietor or Setler in our

Council Chamber in Portsm°, or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

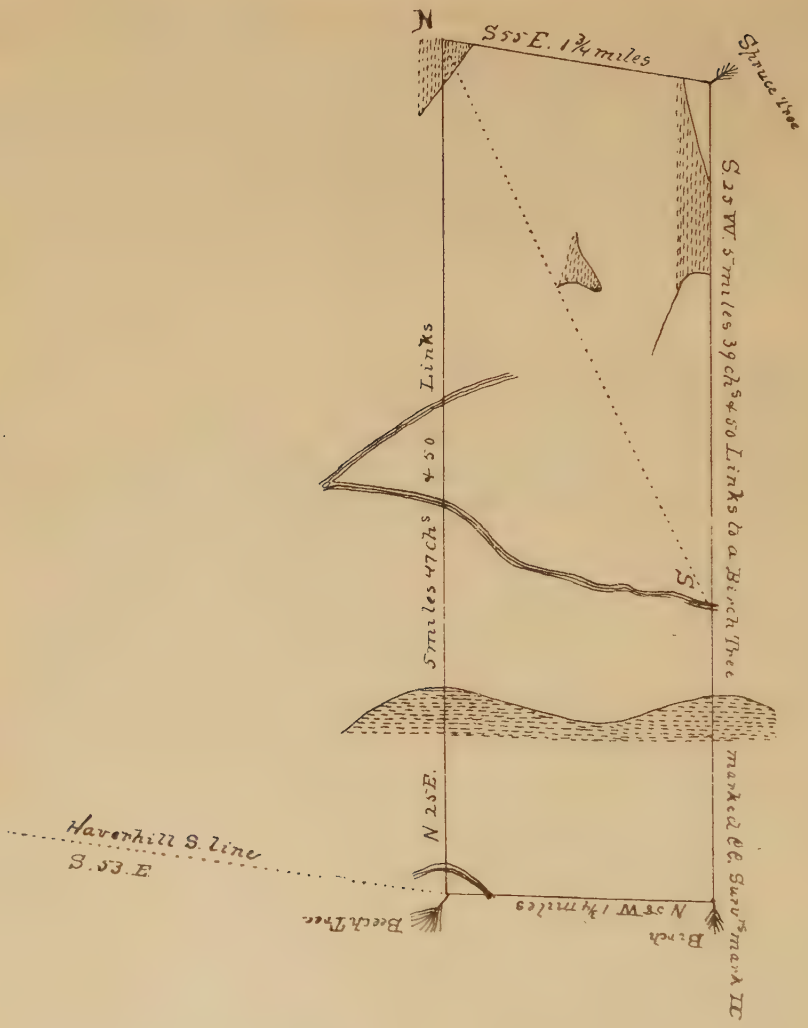
In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq^r our afores^d Governor and Commander in Cheif in and over our said Province of New Hamp^r the 5^th day of Sept^r in the 9^th year of our Reign, Annoque Domini 1769.

J' Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command }
with advice of Council }
T: Atkinson Jun^r Sec^ry—

Prov^e of N. Hamps^r Enter'd and Recorded according to the Original Patent under the Province Seal—the 5^th Sept^r 1769.

Att^r Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry



Province of New Hampshire Augst 27. 1769.

These Certify that this Plan, beginn^{g} at the S. E. corner of Haverhill & running on the East line of said Haverhill 5 miles 47^{chs} & 50$^{l^{ks}}$ N. 25 E. from thence S. 55 E. by Land laid out for Doct^{r} Cutter 1¾ miles, from thence S. 25. W. 5 miles 39^{chs} & 50$^{l^{ks}}$

to a Birch Tree, then turning off at right angles & running N. 58. W. 1¾ miles to the bounds began at. contains 5000 Ac^s with an allowance of 1327¼ Acres of Land, for Mountains & Waste Lands —& is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & ret^d to me by M^r Dudley Colman D^y Surv^r

Attest^d ℔ Is: Rindge S^r Gen^l—

BERLIN.

[Granted, Dec. 31, 1771, to Sir William Mayne and others, and named *Maynesborough* in honor of Sir William. Incorporated as Berlin, July 1, 1829.

See Index to Laws, 57: sketch, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 783; The White Hills, by T. Starr King, 1859, p. 263; Round Mountain, by E. B. Cook, 4, Appalachia, 257; An Exploration of the Pilot Range, by W. H. Peek, *id.*, 219; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 610; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 172; Northern New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 73.]

[Maynesborough Charter, 1771.]

*Province of New Hampshire (Maynesboro') } George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a *4–66

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know ye, that we of our special grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esq^r our Governor & Commander in Chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire & of our Council of the same, Have upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our elige and loving Subjects Sir William Mayne Baronet, Robert Mayne Esq^r, George Gray Esq: John Graham Esq: Walter Kennedy Esq: William Botts Esq: Paul Wentworth Esq: John Nelson Esq: John Ward Esq: Robert Graham Esq: David Scrymgeour Esq: Colin Mackenzie Esq: Thomas Mayne Esq: Edward Mayne Esq: William

Scrwens Esq: The Hon^ble Robert Needham, Samuel Smith Esq: and Thomas Evans Esq: & William Wentworth of Barbadoes Esq: who have made Application to us for the same, setting forth their readiness to enter upon & improve the Premises immediately, & to the respective heirs and assigns of the said Grantees for Ever to be equally divided to & amongst them a certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire, containing something more than Six Miles Square, and is by admeasurement THIRTY ONE THOUSAND one hundred and Fifty four Acres, being about Fifty Acres to each in their Families (exclusive of &) out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways & unimproveable Lands by Rocks Ponds Mountains and Waters One thousand and Forty Acres free according to a Plan thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secret^ry's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, Butted and Bounded as follows Videlicet Beginning at a Spruce Tree being the South East corner of the addition of Shelburne, & runs North 30 Deg^s East 5 Miles & 80 Rods to a Beech Tree spotted & marked with the Letters M. B. P. B. thence running North 82 Deg^s West Ten Miles to a Rock Maple Tree spotted & marked as aforesaid, then South 30 Deg^s West 5 Miles and 80 Rods to a Red Birch Tree, spotted and marked as aforesaid, thence South 82 Deg^s West bounding on a Tract of Land known by the Name of Durand & on the said Ad-
*4-67 dition of Shelburne to the Bounds began it. *TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them the said William Mayne, Robert Mayne, George Gray, John Graham, Walter Kennedy, William Botts, Paul Wentworth, John Nelson, John Ward, Robert Graham, David Scrymgeour, Colin Mackenzie, Thomas Mayne, Edward Mayne, William Scrwens, Robert Needham Samuel Smith, & Thomas Evans & William Wentworth and to their respective Heirs and Assigns for ever by the Name of MAYNESBOROUGH upon the following Terms Videlicet

FIRST That the said Grantees at their own Cost shall cut clear & make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of Five Rods wide thro' the said Tract hereby granted, which said Road shall be completed in Two Years from the date of this Grant, in failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them reenter'd upon & regranted to any of our loving Subjects.

SECOND That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Fifteen Families by the 1st day of January 1774, who shall be actually cultivating some part of the said Land and resident on the same, & to continue making further and additional Improvement, Cultivation & Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually settled thereon Sixty Families by the 1st day of January 1782, on penalty of the forfeiture of any and every Delinquent's Share and of such Share or Shares reverting to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

THIRD That all white & other Pine Trees being and growing within & upon the said Tract of Land fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be enacted.

FOURTH That before any Division of the Land be made to & among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the centre of said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of Four Acres.—

FIFTH. Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and successors on or before the 1st day of January 1781, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

SIXTH That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield & pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every year forever from & after the expiration of one year from the abovesaid 1st day of January, namely on the 1st day *of *4–68 January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ 1782, ONE SHILLING Proclamation money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land, which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmo or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Witness our GOVERNOR & Commander in chief aforesaid the 31st day of De-

cemb^{r} in the year of our Lord 1771 and in the 12th year of our Reign.—

J' (L :s.) Wentworth

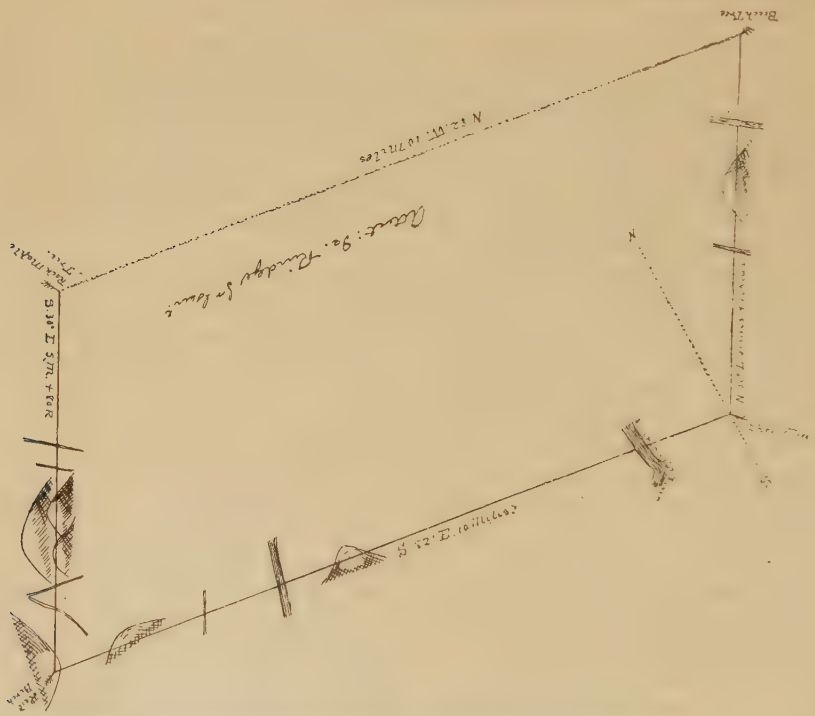
By his Excellency's Command with advice of Council.

Theodore Atkinson Secretary—

Province of New Hampshire Dec^{r} 31, 1771.

Recorded according to the Original Charter of Maynesborough under the Province Seal

Attest Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}



Province of New Hampshire Portsm^{o} 29th Dec^{r} 1771.

These may Certify that this Plan of Maynesborough (so called) Beginning at a Spruce Tree being the N. Easterly corner Bounds of a Tract of Land granted in addition to the Township of Shelburne, from thence running North 30° E. 5 Miles & 80 Rods, from thence running N. 82° W. 10 Miles to a Rock Maple Tree, from thence running S. 30° W. 5 Miles & 80 Rods to a Red Birch Tree,

from thence running S. 82° E. 10 Miles to the Bounds first mentioned, Contains 31,154 Acres of Land & is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract or Township as taken & returned to me by Cap^{t} Hubartis Neal Dep^{y} Surveyor.

Attest: Is. Rindge S^{r} Gen^{l}—

BETHLEHEM.

[Granted as *Lloyd Hills* in 1774. Incorporated by the name of Bethlehem, Dec. 27, 1799. Additions of territory were made in 1848 and 1873.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 190; Index to Laws, 57; History, by Rev. Simeon Bolles, 1883, pp. 108; 10, *Granite Monthly*, 299; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 154; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 512; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 302; historical notes and sketches in *White Mountain Echo*, 1878–'93, *passim;* Mt. Willey, by J. B. Henck, Jr., 1, Appalachia, 120; Mt. Hale, by E. B. Cook, 3, *id.*, 257; The Twin Mountain Range, by A. E. Scott, *id.*, 107; A Trip over Osceola, the Twin Mountain Range, and Mt. Garfield, by W. L. Hooper, *id.*, 285; Incidents in White Mountain History, by B. G. Willey, 1857, p. 279; The White Mountains, A Guide to their Interpretation, by Julius H. Ward, 1890, p. 205; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 276; Historical Note, 7, *Granite Monthly*, 29.]

[Lloyd Hills.]

Holland's map of New Hampshire gives a place for a township designated as Lloyd Hills, which occupied a considerable portion of the territory now in Bethlehem. The charter records, in the office of the Secretary of State, contain nothing relative to the township of Lloyd Hills, except a reference to it as a boundary of the town of Whitefield, which was granted in 1774.

Two documents are now accessible to the public, which throw some light upon the matter.

First is the lecture on the early history of Littleton and vicinity, by the late Dr. Adams Moore, in which are the following passages relating to the subject: "It appears by the charter of Whitefield that that town was bounded on the Southwest by a town named Lloyd Hills.

Some person interested in land matters and finding no record of it in the office of Secretary of State, wrote to Governor Wentworth, who, it appears, lived at a place in England called Hammersmith.

I have seen his answer, which, from sinister motives, was kept rather private, as it was the key to some land disputes, and if seen would operate against the parties holding it. It contained a correct plan of the town of Lloyd Hills, now Bethlehem.

The Ammonnosuc river was laid down with great accuracy, the line between that town and this [Littleton] distinctly placed as a crossing a certain bend in the river, near the Alder Brook Mills, where the proprietors of this town have supposed it to be, but from which they have been crowded back this way about fifty rods. The survey purported to have been made in 1774, by Dudley Coleman, who had surveyed this town [then Apthorp] four years before. The Governor must have taken from this country a book of plans of all these townships, furnished him by the deputy surveyors of his time, which would unravel the snarls of many a lawsuit past, and perhaps to come."

Second, the following matter relative to Lloyd Hills was copied by Philip C. Wilkins, of Littleton, at Portsmouth, Aug. 8. 1850, from a paper purporting to be the original in the handwriting of Gov. John Wentworth. It was in the possession of counsel in a case when pending at Portsmouth relating to lands in Bethlehem. One of the counsel in this case was the late Ira Goodall, Esq., of Bath, whose professional papers were sold to paper-makers during the late war, and it is not improbable that the original of Gov. Wentworth's communication concerning Lloyd Hills was among them, as no one appears to have known of its existence in recent years. Mr. Wilkins's record of survey contains his memoranda and copy, which is substantially as follows:

"Province of New Hampshire

"Portsmouth 3^{d} January, 1774

"This certifies that this plan, beginning at a Beech Tree, standing in the northeasterly line of Gunthwaite, which is the southwesterly corner of Apthorp [thence running south fifty-seven and one half degrees east, two miles and fifty-six rods, to a spruce Tree, which is the northeasterly corner of Gunthwaite:] thence south fifty-eight degrees east, three miles and two hundred sixty-four rods, to a Birch Tree; thence north fifty-six degrees east, five miles and one hundred sixty-two rods, to Bretton Woods, so called; thence by said Bretton Woods, north one mile and twenty-five rods, to a stake; thence north fifty-eight degrees west, five miles and ten rods, to a Fir Tree; thence south fifty-six degrees west, six miles and one half, to the bound began at, containing twenty-two thousand seven hundred and sixty acres, is known by

an original plan or survey of said tract or township as returned to me by Dudley Coleman Dep^{t} Surveyor.

"Attest Is: Rindge S. G."

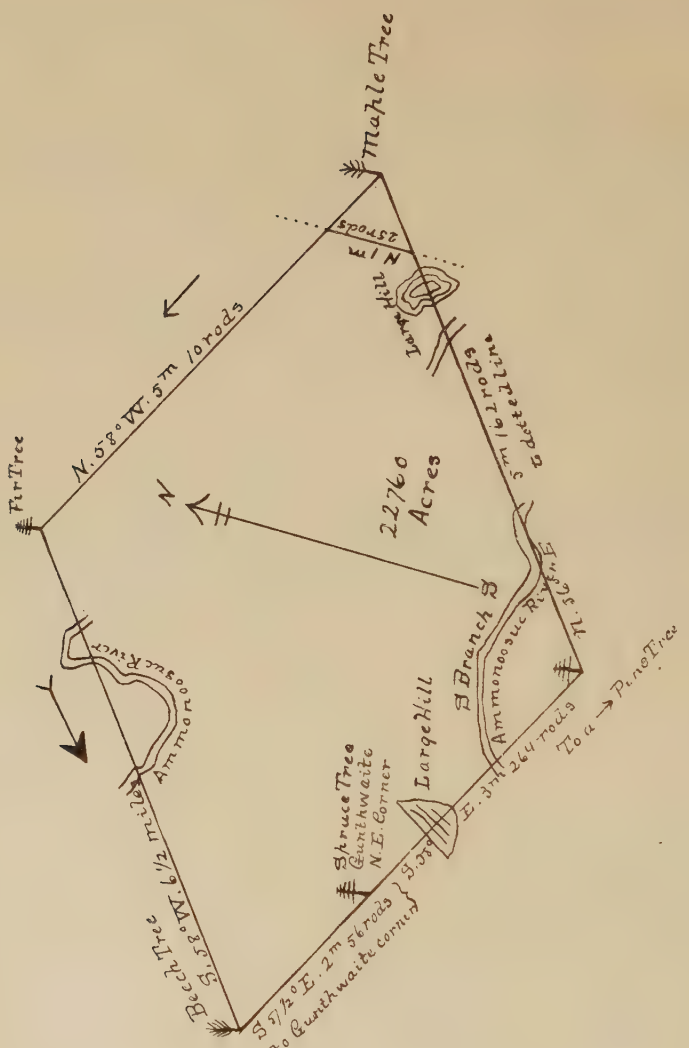
"It is hereby certified that the within discribed land in the Province of New Hampshire was surveyed to Joseph Loring and others by authority of Government, parte by His Majesty's mandamus and parte on conditions of settlement and cultivation; and that the grant of said lands was called in council according to the usual forms; also that an order was issued to the secretary of the said Province, for engrossing the patent, but I cannot recollect whether the patent was perfected, although the said tract of land was actually granted, and I do remember that about twenty thousand acres was property of Mr. Loring and that the township was called or named Lloyd Hills.

"Hammersmith 15 June 1783.

"J. Wentworth."

[NOTE: The bound given in brackets, in the suryeyors general's certificate, is inserted as it appears on the plan. The omission probably first occurred in one of the unofficial transcriptions of the return as made by Mr. Coleman.

The original plans of surveys, made by the deputy surveyors, are possibly still in existence; and if so probably in England; they would make a valuable addition to our ancient state records, and some means ought to be employed to obtain them if possible.]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Gunthwaite
N.E. Corner
Beech Tree
S. 57° W. 6 1/2 miles
S 57 1/2° E. 2 m 56 rods
to Gunthwaite corner
E. 3 m 264 rods
To a Pine Tree

BOSCAWEN.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Contoocook*, Dec. 8, 1732, to John Coffin and others, of Newbury, Mass. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors Jan. 10, 1758. Incorporated as Boscawen April 22, 1760, and named in honor of Admiral Edward Boscawen of the British navy. The charter was renewed Oct. 7, 1763. Webster was set off and incorporated July 4, 1860. This division was attempted in 1791, when the inhabitants of the west part of the town asked to be set off and incorporated by the name of Bristol.

See Massachusetts charters preceding and Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 57; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 193; Index to Laws, 62; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 169; Descriptive and Historical Account, by John Farmer, 20; Mass. Historical Society Collections, 71; Indian Troubles, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 375; Chronological Register, by Ebenezer Price, 1823, pp. 116; Centennial Celebration, 1876, pp. 27; History of Boscawen and Webster, by Charles Carleton Coffin, 1878, pp. 656; One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Settlement, 1883, pub. 1884, pp. 211; Memorial Addresses on Life and Character of William Pitt Fessenden, 1870; Memoirs of John Adams Dix, by Morgan Dix, 1883; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 348, 355.]

[Boscawen Incorporated, 1760.]

*Province of New Hamp^{r} } George the Second by the Grace of *1–220
God of Great Britain France & Ireland
King Defender of the Faith &c^{a}

{ P– S } Boscawen

To all to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting Whereas Our loyall Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within Our Province of New Hamp^{r} known by the Name of Contoocook have Humbly Petitioned & requested that they may be errected & incorporated into a Township & Infranchized with the Same Powers & Previledges which other Towns within Our Said Province by Law have and Injoy and it appearing to us to be conducive to the Gen^{ll} good of our Said Province as well as to the said Inhabitants in Perticular by maintaining good Order and Encouraging the Culture of the Lands that the Same Should be don

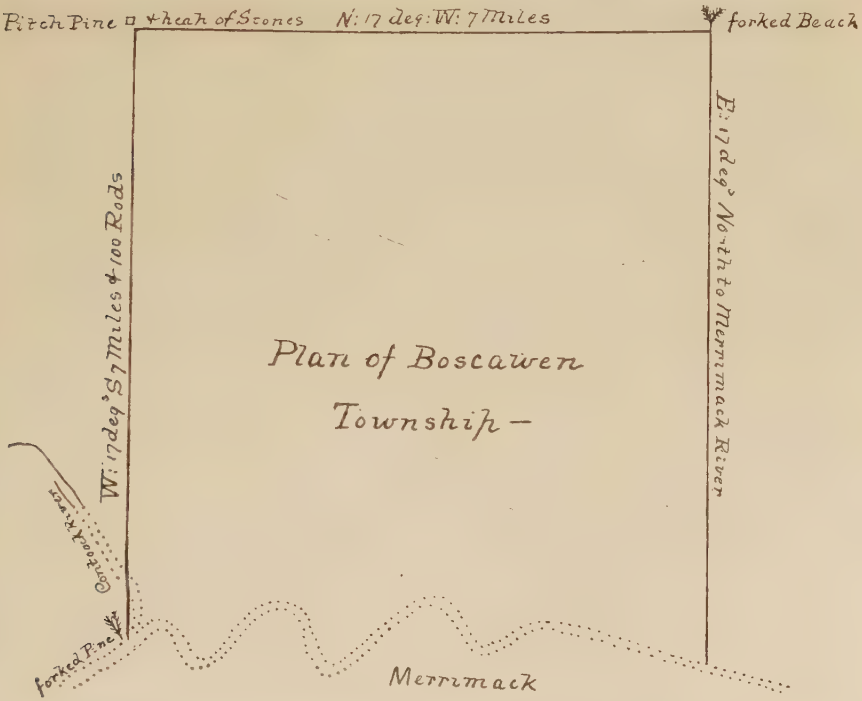
Know Ye therefore that We of Our Special Grace Certain Knowledge & for the Encouraging and Promoting the good Ends & Purposes afores^{d} by & with the Advice of Our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq Our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff & of Our Council for Said Province of New Hamp^{r} Have

erected & ordain'd and by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land afores[d] or that Shall Inhabit or Improve thereon the Same being Limited & Bounded as follows Beginning at the Southerly Side of Contoocook Rivers Mouth where the Same falls into Merrimack River & running thence on A Course West Seventeen Degrees South Seven Miles & One Hundred Rodds Measured from A Forked white Pine near the Mouth of Contoocook River to a Pitch Pine & Heap of Stones & from s[d] Pitch Pine & heap of Stones Running North Seventeen degrees West Seven Miles to A forked Beach Marked & thence on a Course East Seventeen degrees North to Merrimack River to a heap of Stones & thence by the River (as the Same runs) to the Mouth of Contoocook River again where it began Shall be and by these Presents Are Declared and Ordain'd to be a Town Corporate and Are hereby Errected & Incorporated into A Body Politick & Corporate to have a Continuence two Years Only by the Name of Boscawen with all the Powers and Authoritys Previledges Immunities & *1-221 Franchises which *Any Other Towns in Said Province by Law hold & Enjoy always Reserving to us Our Heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees that are or shall be found growing & being on s[d] Tract of Land fit for the Use of our Royal Navy Reserving to us Our heirs & Successors the Power & Right of Dividing Said Town when it Shall Appear Necessary & Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof Provided Neverthe Less and it is hereby Declared that this our Charter and Grant is not Intended or Shall in any manner be Construed to Extend to or effect the Private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid And as the Several Towns within our Said Province of New Hampshire are by the Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to assemble & by the Majority of the Voters Present to Choose all Such Officers & Transact such affairs as by the Said Laws Are declared We do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Colonel Joseph Coffin Esq to Call the first Meeting of said Inhabitants to be held within the s[d] Town at any Time within 60 days from the date hereof giving Legal Notice of the Time & Design of holding such meeting after which the Annual Meeting of said Town for the Choice of Such officers & management of the Affairs aforesaid Shall be held within the Same on the first Tuesday of March Annually In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of Our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq Our Governor & Com'ander in Chieff of Our Said

Province of New Hampshire the Twenty Second Day of April in the Thirty third Year of Our Reign and in the Year of Our Lord Christ 1760

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and
with Advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry
Entred & Recorded the 23^d Day of April 1760
Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry



April 23^d Recorded from a Plan on the Back of the Original Charter

Theod^r Atkinson Se^ry

[Boscawen Incorporation Renewed, 1763.]

*1–260 *Province of New Hampshire

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c

Whereas our Late Royal Grandfather King George the Second of Glorious Memory did of his Special Grace & upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of a Tract of Land in our said Province known by the Name of Boscawen & for the Maintaining good order & Encouraging the Culture of the Land there by his Letters Patent or Charter under the Seal of of our said Province dated the 22d day of Aprill in the Thirty Third Year of his Reign, & in the Year of our Lord 1760, did Erect & Incorporate into a Body Politick & Corporate by the Name of Boscawen the Inhabitants of the said Tract of Land, or those that should thereon Inhabit thereafter which Tract is Butted & Bounded as in the said Patent or Charter is Express'd & was to have Continuance untill the Expiration of Two Years & no longer, which time being now Elapsed & the Inhabitants having again Petition'd to have the said Charter Priviledges Renew'd & it appearing Necessary to Answer the good End Proposed as well as to Enable the Inhabitants aforesd to Assess & Collect their Rates & Taxes—

Know Yee that we being Willing to Promote the good end Proposed, have of our farther grace & Favour by & with the Advice of our trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq. our Governor & Commander in Cheif & of our Council for said Province Revived & Regranted & by these Presents do Revive & Regrant unto the said Inhabitants & their Successors on the said Tract of Land, all the Powers & Authoritys Priviledges & Immunity's & Franchises in the said Charter mention'd, as they Enjoy'd the same while that Charter was in force, & to have Continuance untill we shall approve or Disallow the same & signify such our Approbation or Dissallowance, & to Obviate any dispute that may arise about the Authority in calling a Meeting of the Inhabitants &c, the Select Men or those that were appointed to that Office & served therein the last time or the Town Clerk are hereby Authorized in the usual form & Method to Notify & call a Meeting of the sd Inhabitants for the Choise of Town officers & other Affairs of said Town

In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of the Province aforesd to be hereunto Affixed—Witness Benning Wentworth Esq.

our Governor & Com[a] in Chief this 7[th] Day of Octo[r] in the 3[d] Year of our Reign Anno: Domini 1763—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and
with Advice of Council
Theo: Atkinson Jun Sec[ry]

Province of New Hamps[r] Octo[r] 8. 1763
Recorded According to the Origional under the Prov. Seal
℔ T: Atkinson Jun Sec[ry]

BOW.

[Granted by Lieut. Gov. John Wentworth, May 10, 1727, to Jonathan Wiggin and others, and was so named on account of a bend in the river within the town limits. A portion of Bow was combined with Suncook and Buckstreet to make the parish of Pembroke, Nov. 1, 1759. Two tracts of land were severed from Bow, and annexed, one to Concord, and the other to Pembroke, Dec. 13, 1804. A portion was severed and annexed to Allenstown, June 22, 1815.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes: IX, Bouton Town Papers, 62; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 209; Index to Laws, 64; sketch, by Harrison Colby, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 263; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 12, 16; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 357.]

[Bow Charter, 1727.]

*George By the Grace of God of Great Brittain *1-7
ffrance & Ireland King Defender of the ffaith &c[a]—

L. S.

To all People to whom these Presents Shall Come Greeting Know ye that we of our Special Knowledge & mere motion, for the Due Encouragem[t] of Setling a New Plantation, By & with the Advise & Concent of Our Council have given & Granted And by these Presents as far as in us lyes do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto Sundry of our beloved Subjects whose names Are Entred in a Schedule here unto Annexed that Inhabit or Shall Inhabit within the s[d] Grant, within our Province of New Hampshire all that Tract of Land within the following Bounds Viz— Beginning on the South East Side of the Town of Chichester & runing nine miles by Chichester, And Canterbury And Carrying

Bow

that Breadth of Nine Miles from Each of the afores^{d} Towns Southwest untill the ful Complyment of Eighty one Square Miles Are fully made up & that the Same be A Town Corporate by the Name of Bow to the Persons afores^{d} and their Associates forever—To HAVE & TO HOLD the s^{d} Land to the S^{d} Grantees and to Such Associates as they shall admitt for ever—upon the Conditions following—

1) That the Proprietors build or Cause to be built Seventy five Dwelling houses on S^{d} Land & Settle a family in Each House & Clear Three Acres of Land fitt for Mowing or Plowing within Three years And that Each Proprietor pay his Proportion of the Town Charge When & So often as Occasion Shall Require the Same

2) That A meeting House bee built for the Publick Worship of GOD within the Term of four years—

3 That upon Default of any Perticular Proprietor in Complying with the Conditions of the Charter upon his part Such Dilinquent Proprietor Shall forfeit his Shear to the other Proprietors
*1–8 which Shall be *Disposed of According to the Maj^{r} Vote of the S^{d} Proprietors at a Legal Town meeting—

4) That a Proprietors Shear be reserved for a Parsonage another for the first minister of the Gospell: which Shall be Settled and ordained in S^{d} Town Another Such Share for the benefit of the School in S^{d} Town PROVIDED nevertheless that the Peace with the Indians—Continue Duering the Space of Three Years but if it Should So happen that A War with the Indians Shall Com'ence before the Expiration of the S^{d} Three years then the Term of three years Shall be Allowed the Proprietors after the Expiration of the War for the Performance of the afores^{d} Conditions—rendring & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors or Such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to recieve the Same The Annual Quit Rent or Acknowledgment of One Ear of Indian Corn in the S^{d} Town on the first fryday In December Yearly for Ever (if Demanded) reserveing alsoe unto us our heirs & Successors all mast Trees Growing on y^{e} S^{d} Land According to Acts of Parliament in that case made & Provided & for the better order rule & Governm^{t} of the S^{d} Town We do by these Presents for our Selves our heirs & Successors Grant unto the S^{d} men & Inhabitants or Those that Shall Inhabit the S^{d} Town That yearly & Every year upon the first Thursday in April forever Shall meet to Ellect & Choose by the maj^{r} part of the Proprietors then Present Constables Select men and other Town Officers According to the Laws &

ussages of Our S^{d} Province & we do Appoint Andrew Wiggin Esq George Veazey & W^{m} Moor to be Select men of Our S^{d} Town untill the first Thursday in April which will be in the year of Our Lord 1728 with full power & Authority as other Town Select men have to Call a Town meeting or meetings as there may be Occasion And to Continue untill other Select Men Shall be Chosen in their Steed in Such Manner as is in *These *1–9 Presents Expressed In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our S^{d} Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq our Leiu^{t} Governour & Com'ander in Cheiff in & over our S^{d} Province at our Town of Portsm^{o} in our S^{d} Province to the 20th Day of may in the 13th year of Our Reigne Anno Domini 1727 J Wentworth

By the L^{t} Gov^{r} Command
with advice of the Council
Rich^{d} Waldron Cler Co'n

A Schedule of the Proprietors of the Town of Bow—

Jon^{a} Weggins
Thomas Veyse
Edward ffifield
Jon^{a} Chase
Thomas Rollings
Thomas Piiper
Joseph Mason
Zachel Rundlet
Nathaniel Stephens
Joseph Merril Jun^{r}
John Piper
John Sinkler
Benj^{a} Hoeg
Benj^{a} Palmer
Thomas ffrench
John Hill
Rich^{d} Colley Jun^{r}
Edward ffifield
Benj^{a} Veasey
Jon^{a} Clark
Symon Weggins
John Speed
Thomas Wiggin 3^{d}
Walter Weggin
Thomas Weggins
George Veysey
William ffrench
Moses Leavit
Rich^{d} Crochet
Rich^{d} Colley
John Hanniford
John Mead
David Robinson
Jude Allen
Sam^{ll} Veasey
Sam^{ll} Green
Sam^{ll} Hillton
Owen Renals
Nath^{ll} Piper
Thomas Odell
Thomas Bryer
W^{m} ffrench Jun^{r}
Thomas Veasey Jun^{r}
George Veasey Jun^{r}
Sam^{ll} Stevens
Sam^{ll} Piper Jun^{r}
Benj^{a} Mason
Caleb Rowlings
Sam^{ll} Piper
William Moore
James Palmer
Joshua Hill
Isaac ffoss
Sam^{ll} Goodhue
Joseph Rollings
Joseph Merrill
John^{a} Derburn
James Merril
James Kenniston
W^{m} Burley
Mathew Thompson
Joshua Neal
Joseph Jewet
Abraham Stockbridge
Joseph Mason Jun^{r}
Eph^{m} Leavit
Nathan Taylor
John Levet
John Sachell
Chace Weggin
Joshua Kenniston
Joseph Palmer

Edward Taylor	Benj[a] Norris	John Green
	Joshua Stephens Tho[s] Piper Jun[r]	Nath[ll] ffolsham
*1–10	Henry Weggin Joseph Pevey	*Jeremiah ffolsham Jun[r]
	John Palmer James Norris	Abra[m] Morgan
Broadstreet Weggin	Thoph[i] Smith	Stephen Thurstin
Rob[t] Willson	John Avery	Joseph Hoeg
Benj[a] Taylor Jun[r]	Benj[a] ffollet	Nathan White
Benning Wentworth	Hunking Wentworth	W[m] Wentworth
Mark Wentworth	Rich[d] Wibird Jun[r]	George Jaffrey Jun[r]
Henry Rust	Cyprean Jaffry	Ebenez[r] Wear
Rob[t] Auchmuty	John Read Att[r]	Sampson Sheaff
George Long	Rich[d] Waldron Jun[r]	

Admitted Associates

His Excelency & Hon[r]—Sam[ll] Shute Esq John Wentworth Esq Each of them 500 Acres of Land And a home Lot

Coll Mark Hunking	Coll Walton	George Jaffrey
Rich[d] Wibird	Coll Tho[s] Westbrook	Archibald M[c]pheadris
John ffrost	Jotham Odiorne Esquirs	

Each A Proprietors Shear—

Peter Wear	John Plaisted	James Davis
John Gillman	Andrew Wiggin	Cap[t] John Downing
Cap[t] John Gillman	Sam[ll] Tibbets .	Paul Gerrish
M[r] Eph[m] Dennet	John Sanburn	Theod[r] Atkinson
Eben[r] Stevens	Rich[d] Jennes	Cap[t] W[m] ffellows
James Jeffry	Jos Loverin	Dani[ll] Loverin
Zah Hanahford .	Jos Wiggin	Peirce Long

Bow Schedule Certifyed ℔

Richard Waldron Cler Con

Joseph Low	James Robinson	Noah Barker
George Clark	Daniel Moody	Tho[s] Wiggin Jun[r]
John[a] Rowlings	Holdrge Cilley	Daniel Davis
W[m] Moor Jun[r]	Abigail Powel	Mary Smith
Mary Jones	Kathorin Wiggans	Nich[o] Wiggins
	Benj[a] Taylor	

The Sixteen ℔sons above named Are A Part of the Schedule Added ℔ order of the L[t] Gov[r] & Council

R Waldron Cler Con

Prov[e] of New Hamp[r] November 25[th] 1742
Entred & Recorded According to the Originall

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sce[ry]

BRENTWOOD.

[Set off from Exeter as the parish of *Brintwood*, June 26, 1742. Incorporation was asked for May 26, 1744, and Oct. 1, it was voted to advise the Governor to grant it. Poplin [Fremont] was set off and incorporated as a parish, June 22, 1764.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 76; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 223; Index to Laws, 66; Bell's History of Exeter, *passim*; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 129; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 7; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 20; Annals of the Congregational Church and Parish, by Benjamin A. Dean, 1889, pp. 43.]

[KEENEBOROUGH CHARTER, 1744.]

*Province of New Hampshire *1–19

Pro^{v} Seal

GEORGE the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain ffrance & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c^{a}—

To all to whom these Presents Shall come Greet-

Keeneborough ing

FORASMUCH as it hath been Represented to us by Cap^{t} Andrew Gillman & others Inhabitants of the Parish of Brintwood that great disorders have Arisen in S^{d} Parish respecting their Parish affairs in General and that All Proposals heitherto Attempted have Proved Ineffectual to restore peace & good order amoungst them Wherefore the S^{d} Cap^{t} Andrew Gillman in behalf of him Self & others humbly Prays that a New Parish may be Errected in S^{d} Parish of Brintwood And to the End that Peace & good order may be Established KNOW YE Therefore that we of our Especial Grace Certain knowledge & mere motion by & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Captain General Govern^{r} & Com'ander in Chieff of our Province of New Hampshire in New England & of our Council of S^{d} Province Have Incorporated Ordained Declared And Appointed And by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do Incorporate ordain Declare & Appoint out of the Parish of Brintwood All that Tract or Parcell of Land Lying & being in the Parish of Brintwood in our Province of New Hampshire afores^{d} Containing by Admeasurement Twelve thousand five hundred & Ninty five *Acres *1–20 And One Quarter of An Acre According to A Plan & Survey made by order of our S^{d} Governour by George Mitchell Esq

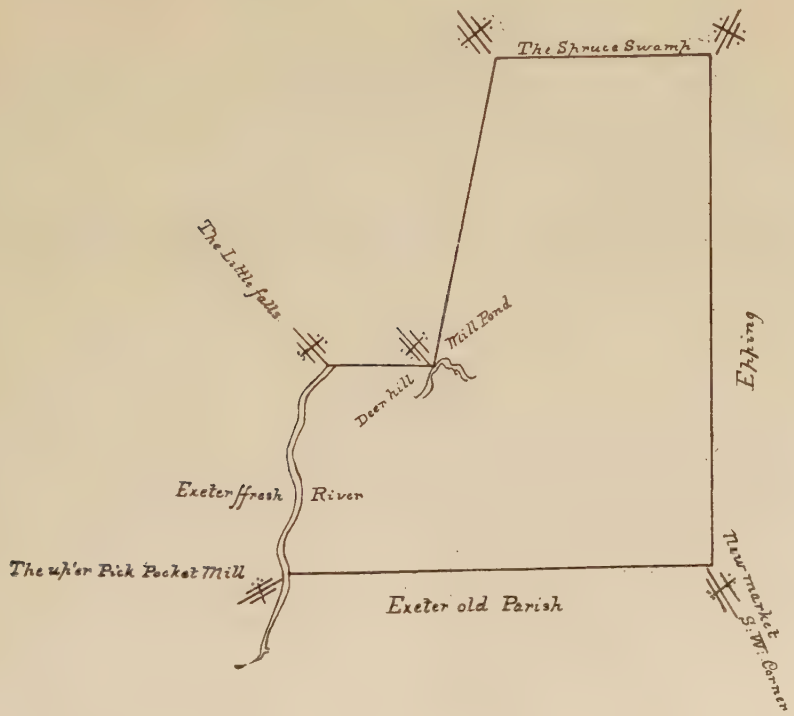
& Cap^{t} Dudley Odlin hereunto Annexed Abutting & bounding as by the S^{d} Plan or Survey may Appear And we Do hereby ordain & Appoint that the S^{d} respective Inhabitants that now Are or that Shall hereafter be In Possession of the Lands within the Plan or Survey afores^{d} Shall be one Society Corporation & Body Pollitick to have Continueance for Ever by the name of Keeneborough & that they & there Successors Shall by that Name be Able & Capable in Law to Call Parish Meetings, The first of which is to be Called within Thirty days from the Date hereof by Cap^{t} Andrew Gillman & Humphry Willson & Benj^{a} Gillman & the Meetings hereafter Shall be on the first monday of April Annually And we do hereby give & Grant unto the S^{d} Society or Corporation full Power And Authority to make Choice of Proper Officers to Levy Taxes on the Inhabitants for the Support of the Society Agreable to the Laws of Our Province of New Hampshire made for Regulateing Town & Parish affairs And we Do further give & Grant to the S^{d} Society full Power to Call & Settle A regular And Orthodox Minister of the Gospell & to Levy Taxes on the Inhabitants Conformable to the Laws afores^{d} of our Province Afores^{d} for his Support Reserveing only the recomending the first Minister to the President & Senior fellows of Harvard Colledge in New England or the Reverend Jabez ffitch & the Reverend John Odlin And we Do alsoe reserve to his Most Sacred Majesty his heirs & Successors All White Pine Trees growing Standing or being within the Plan or Survey above mentioned the Preservation whereof for *1-21 his Majestys Royal Navy is the Tennure by which *you hold & Enjoy your Incorporation And Lastly we do Declare & ordain That these Our Letters Pattent and Every clause Sentence And Article herein Contained Shall be in all things firm Valid & Effectual in the Law unto the S^{d} Society & their Successors According to the Purport & Tennour thereof Provided Always that these our Letters Patent be recorded within one month from the Date hereof in Our Recorders office Appointed for that Purpose in our S^{d} Province of New Hampshire In Wittness whereof We have Caused these our Letters to be made Patent — Wittness our S^{d} Governour & Comander in Chieff of our S^{d} Province at Portsmouth the 27th Day of October in the Eighteenth Year of Our Reigne Annoq Domini 1744—

B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Comand
with Advice of Council
Theod^{r} Atkinson Se^{ry}

Province of New Hamp^{r} November the 10th 1744
Entred & Recorded According to the Original
Attes^{tr} Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

*A Plan of the Parish of Taken by order of his *1–22
Excelency Benning Wentworth Esq &c^{a} &c^{a} By
his Excelencys most Obedient Humble Serv^{ts}
George Mitchell
Dudley Odlin



References, Viz—
Begining at the South West Corner of Newmarket runing Due South till That line Strikes Exeter River near Pickpocket upper Mills
From thence to follow the Course of s^{d} River to the bottom of the little falls—

From thence North one Degree East to the South Side of Deer hill Mill pond

From thence West & by North or Parralel with Kingstown line till that Course Strike the Spruce Swamp So called—

From thence North till it Strikes Epping Line

*1–23 *From thence to Continue in Epping Line to New market Corner afores^{d}—

Entred & Recorded According to the Original this 10th day of November 1744—

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

BRIDGEWATER.

[Set off from Hill and incorporated, Feb. 12, 1788. The southerly portion of the town was combined with the northerly part of Hill to make up the town of Bristol, June 24, 1819.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 238; Index to Laws, 69; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 170; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 514; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 2d series, 1852, p. 234.]

BRISTOL.

[Constituted from parts of Bridgewater and Hill, and incorporated June 24, 1819.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 238; XII, *id.*, 195; Index to Laws, 70; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 176; History, by R. W. Musgrove, in preparation; sketch, 5, Granite Monthly, 262; Guide to Bristol and Pasquaney Lake, by R. W. Musgrove, 1892; Pasquaney, A Study, by F. L. Pattee, 1893, pp. 83; History of the M. E. Church by R. W. Musgrove and Otis Cole, 1890; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 515; Central New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 43.]

BROOKFIELD.

[Set off from Middleton and incorporated Dec. 30, 1794. These towns are a part of the territory included in the proposed grant of the township of Coulerain, 1726.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 127; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 594; Index to Laws, 70; sketch, by Dudley C. Colman, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 450; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 600; papers under title Coulerain.]

BROOKLINE.

[This was a part of the Old Dunstable grant. Incorporated by the name of *Raby*, March 30, 1769, and included parts of Hollis and Mile Slip. The present name was adopted Dec. 1, 1798. A portion of Hollis was annexed Feb. 17, 1786. See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 193; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 240; Index to Laws, 70; sketch, by I. B. Sawtelle, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 289; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 160.]

[Raby Incorporated, 1769.]

*Province of New Hampshire } George the Third by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the Faith and so forth. *1–335

{ L S }

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Raby—now Brookline. } Whereas our Loyal Subjects inhabitants of the westerly part of the Town of Holles and the mile Slip so called in our Province aforesaid Have humbly Petition'd and requested us that they may be erected and incorporated into a Township and enfranchised with the same Powers and Privileges which other Towns within our said Province by Law have and Enjoy and it appearing unto us to be conducive to the general good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good order and encouraging the culture of the Land that the same should be done–Know Ye that we of our special grace certain knowledge and for the encouragm^t and promotion of the good Purposes and Ends aforesaid (by and with the advice of our Trusty and well-beloved John Wentworth Esq: our Governor and Commander in cheif, and of our Council for the said Province of New Hampshire) have Erected and ordain'd and by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of the aforesaid Tract of Land, and others who shall improve and inhabit thereon hereafter, the same being butted and bounded as follows viz^t Begining at a Stake and Stones in the South side line of the Town of Holles, (which is also the Province Line) which stake stands about two miles due East from the South West corner of said Holles, thence runing North by the Needle 'cross the said Town to one other stake and Stones standing on the North side line of said Holles, leaving the meeting house in the middle

between this Line, and the East side line of Holles then runing from the last mention'd stake Westerly by Holles to the North west corner thereof then continuing that line 'cross a tract of land call'd the mile slip to the Easterly side line of
*1-336 *Mason, then turning off and runing South by the needle on the Easterly side line of Mason aforesaid to the Province line then due east partly on the Province Line and partly on the South side line of Holles aforesaid to the stake began at. BE and they are hereby declared to be a Town Corporate and are hereby erected and Incorporated into a Body Politic and corporate to have continuance for ever by the name of RABY with all the Powers and Authorities, Priviledges, Immunities and Franchises which any other Towns in said Province by Law hold & enjoy—to the said Inhabitants or who shall hereafter inhabit there & their Successors for ever—ALWAYS reserving to us our heirs and Successors ALL WHITE PINE TREES that are or shall be found growing and being on the said Tract of land, fit for the use of our ROYAL NAVY, reserving also to us our heirs and Successors, the Power and right of dividing said Town, when it shall appear necessary & convenient for the Inhabitants thereof. PROVIDED Nevertheless & tis hereby declar'd that this Charter and Grant, is not intended and shall not in any manner be construed to affect the Private property of the Soil within the limits aforesaid and as the several Towns within our said Province, are by the Laws thereof, enabled and Authoriz'd to assemble and by the Majority of the Voters present to chuse all such Officers & transact such affairs as in the said Laws are declar'd—WE DO by these Presents nominate and appoint SAMUEL FARLEY to call the first meeting of said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within THIRTY days from the date hereof, giving legal notice of the Time and design of holding such meeting, after which the annual meeting in said Town shall be held for the choice of said Officers and the Purposes aforesaid on the first WEDNESDAY of March annually.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our
*1-337 said Province to be hereunto affix'd *WITNESS JOHN WENTWORTH Esq. our aforesaid Governor and Commander in cheif the 30th day of March in the 9th year of our Reign Anno: domini 1769.

J' Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command
with advice of Council.

T: Atkinson Junr Secry

Enter'd and Recorded according to the Original Incorporation this 1st day of April 1769—

Attest: Theodore Atkinson Secry

CAMBRIDGE.

[Granted to Nathaniel Rogers and others, May 19, 1773. Never incorporated. See Index to Laws, 78.]

[Cambridge Charter, 1773.]

*Province of New Hampre } George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c *4–149

Cambridge. To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting Know ye that we of our special Grace certain Knowledge and meer motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province by and with the advice of our trusty & well beloved John Wentworth Esqr our Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council of the said Province Have upon the conditions & reservations herein after made given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give & grant in equal Shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire & our other Dominions who have petitioned us for the same setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement and to their Heirs and Assigns forever whose names are entered on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty seven equal shares all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire containing by admeasurement twenty three thousand one hundred and sixty Acres out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains and Waters one thousand one hundred and sixty Acres free according to a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's order and returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed butted and bounded as follows vizt Begining

at a red Birch Tree standing in the East Boundary Line of said Province and is the North East Corner bound of Success (so called) the same Tree being marked HN 1772 from thence running on said Line North eight degrees East six
4–150 Miles to a Stake in a Meadow sixteen Rods distant from the northerly Bank of a little river that runs into Umbagog Lake then running North eighty two degrees west six Miles and twenty Rods to a Red Birch Tree then South eight degrees West six Miles to a Spruce Tree from thence South eighty two degrees East six Miles and twenty Rods by the Towns of Paulsbourg & Success to the Bound first mentioned. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all Privileges and appurtenances to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever by the Name of CAMBRIDGE upon the following Conditions viz^{t}

FIRST That the Grantees at their own Cost shall cut clear bridge and make passable for Carriages of all Kinds a Road of Four rods wide through the said Tract hereby granted as shall be at any time hereafter directed by our said Governor & Council which Road shall be compleated in one Year from the date of such directions in failure of which the Premises & every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them re-entered upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects

SECOND That all white Pine and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting our royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or felled without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to Us our Heirs and Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalties of any Act or Acts of Parliament that are or hereafter shall be enacted

THIRDLY that before any division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the Center of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre

FOURTHLY Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs & Successors on or before the nineteenth day of May 1783
*4–151 the *Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded

FIFTHLY That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors Yearly and every Year forever from and after the expiration of ten Years from the date of

this Grant one Shilling proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons aforesaid their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same

SIXTHLY That this Grant shall not interfere with any of our Grants made as aforesaid and now in force nor interrupt the Grantees in their improvements making thereon agreable to the Conditions thereof

SEVENTHLY That the Grantees shall cultivate and improve Ten Acres in every hundred in Flax and Hemp if the Land in said Town shall prove fit and useful for such employment

EIGHTHLY. That six Families be settled and actually resident on the Town within two Years of this date

NINTHLY That additional Settlements be made so as to compleat Sixty Families in Seven Years from the date these to be in lieu of all other rents and Services whatsoever

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor and Commander in Chief aforesaid the nineteenth day of May in the thirteenth Year of our reign and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1773—

Names of the Grantees of Cambridge

Nathaniel Rogers	Ichabod Palmer	Peters Grant
Jonathan White Esq^{r}	Samuel Phelps	William Marston jun^{r}
Nathaniel Rogers jun^{r}	Jonathan Child	James Reed Esq^{r}
Ebenezer Green	John Morey	Thomas Carter jun^{r}
Simon Butler	Solomon Morey	James Reed jun^{r}
William Divoll jun^{r}	David Thompson	Frederic Reed
Benjamin White	William Thompson	Giles Tiffany
Daniel Tillotson	James Horner	Frederic Phelps
Rev^{d} Obadiah Noble	Benj^{a} Baldwin jun^{r}	James Haslet
Joel Phelps	Ebenezer Baldwin	William Marston
Nathan Dewey	John Wood	Rev^{d} Samuel Locke
Abraham Palmer	Maj^{r} James Richardson	John Hurd Esq^{r}
Jacob Marston	Simeon Olcot Esq^{r}	John Tufts
Aaron Stiles	Jotham White	Edward Sclate
*Benjamin Stiles	Josiah Richardson	Otis Baker Esq^{r} *4–152
Samuel Paine	Aaron Storrs	Ebenezer Thompson Esq^{r}
Elisha Marsh Esq^{r}	Ebenezer Swan	Israel Gilman Esq^{r}

Jonathan Sawyer
Joel Woodworth
Jonathan Darby
Amos Palmer
Israel Morey Esq[r]
John Woodward
Samuel Moses
Theodore Moses
John Sprague
Rich[d] Cutts Shannon
Benj[a] Grant jun[r]
Timothy Ruggles Esq[r]
Daniel Jones Esq[r]

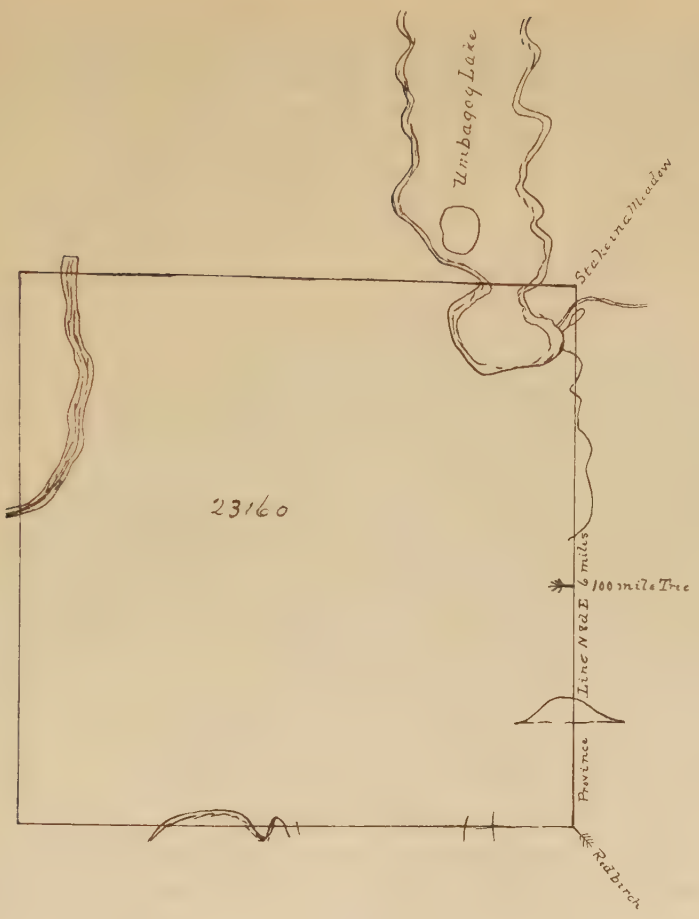
One equal right to the first settled Minister of the Gospel in this Township. One equal right for the use of a School in this Township forever. One equal right for a Glebe for the Church of England in this Township forever

J { L. S. } Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command }
with advice of Council }
Theod[re] Atkinson Sec[y]

Province of New Hampshire
Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this 20[th] day of May 1773

Attest Geo : King Dep[y] Sec[y]



Province of }
New Hamp^re } Portsmouth 18^th May 1773 This Certifys that this Plan of CAMBRIDGE begining at a red Birch Tree Standing in the East boundary Line of said Province and is the North east Corner Bound of Success (so called) the same Tree being marked HN 1772 from thence runing on said Line North eight degrees East six Miles to a Stake in a Meadow sixteen Rods distant from the Northerly Bank of a little River that runs into Umbagog Lake then runing North eighty two degrees west six Miles and twenty Rods to a red birch Tree then South eight degrees west six Miles

to a Spruce Tree from thence South eighty two degrees East six Miles and twenty Rods by the Towns of Paulsbourg and Success to the bound first mentioned contains Twenty three thousand one hundred and sixty Acres of Land and is a true Copy of an original Plan or Survey of said Tract or Township as taken and returned to me by Cap^{t} Hubartus Neal D^{y} Surveyor

Attest Is: Rindge S^{r} G^{l}

Copy Attest^{r} Geo: King D Sec^{y}

CAMPTON.

[Granted to Christopher Holmes and others, Oct. 9, 1761. Regranted to Ebenezer Little and others, Jan. 5, 1767. A portion of the town was annexed to Plymouth, June 27, 1860. Campton was annexed to Grafton County, Sept. 14, 1782.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 248; Index to Laws, 78; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 197; sketch, 10, Granite Monthly, 108; History, prepared for centennial celebration, 1867, by Isaac Willey, 1868, pp. 56; Centennial Celebration, 1867, pp. 118; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 14, 19; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 517; discourse, centennial celebration of Congregational Church, by Quincy Blakely, 1876; see also grant to Samuel Holland, with Plymouth papers; The White Hills, by T. Starr King, 1859, p. 89; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 216.]

[Campton Charter, 1761.]

*2–229 *Province of New-Hampshire.

Camptown

P S

GEORGE, The third, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New-Hampshire, in *New-England*, and of our Council of the said Province; Have, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our

Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty Five Thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Something more than Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the North Westerly Corner of Holderness at a Red Oak Tree on the bank of the river from thence runing East Six Miles to the North East Corner of Holderness from thence North Five Miles from thence West about Four Miles & One half Mile to Pemigewasset River, from thence on a Strait Line Westerly to the North East Corner of Rumney, from thence on a Runing Line South thirty Degrees West to the South Easterly Corner thereof which is also the North Easterly Corner of Cockermouth from thence Easterly on a Streight Line to the North Westerly Corner of Holderness the first Bounds Mentioned—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Campton And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened *2–230 and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday in November next which said Meeting shall be Notified by M^r^ Christopher Holmes who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said

first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respec-

tive Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Ninth Day of October In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One And in the First Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,
With Advice of COUNCIL,
Theodore Atkinson Se^{ry}

Province of New Hamps^{r} Octos^{r} 9th 1761

Recorded According to the Origional Charter under the Province Seal

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

*The Names of the Grantees of Campton (Viz) *2–231

Christo^{r} Holmes	Thomas Fuller 2^{d}	Elijah White
Knight Sexton	Cap^{t} Caleb Clark	Sterling Graves
Simeon Crocker	Dan^{l} Annabee	John Gilbird Jun^{r}
Jason Millard	Eli Warner	Oliver Spencer
Timothy Northam	Grendal Rawson	Abel Willey
Will^{m} Kennedy	Eben^{r} Spencer	John Sanderson
Jere^{ah} Brainard	Eben^{r} Smith	Thomas Rogers
Bezaliel Gates	James Olmstead	Stephen Cone
Timothy Passival	Sam^{l} Gates	Thomas Fuller
Sam^{l} Selldon	Abner Dean	George Griffin
Dan^{l} Brainard Jun^{r}	Josiah Arnold	Dan^{l} Peirce Esq^{r}
Jona^{n} Olmstead	Nath^{l} Fellows	Nehe^{a} Dickinson
Matthew Thornton Esq	Isaac Ackley	Dan^{l} Warner Jun^{r}
John Topham Jun^{r}	Jona^{a} Gates	Isaac Isham
Sam^{l} Peck	David Wickham	Theod^{r} Atkinson Esq
Will^{m} Olmstead Jun^{r}	Will^{m} Bebee Jun^{r}	Joseph Newmarch Esq
Matthew Sears	James Steward 2^{d}	Major Jos^{h} Blanchard
Jared Spencer	Tho^{s} Hall Jun^{r}	Theodore Atkinson Jun^{r} Esq
John Harvey Jun^{r}	Job Beckwith	Coll^{o} Clem^{t} March &
Joseph Emmons	Nath^{l} Beckwith	Benning Wentworth
Silas Bebee	Tim^{o} Chapman	
Benj^{a} Ackly Jun^{r}	Silvanus Tinker	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq[r] a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres as marked B–W in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established, One Share for the First Settled Minister of the Gospell & One Share for the Benefit of a School in said Town—

Province of New Hampshire Octo: 9[th] 1761

Recorded from the back of the Origional Charter of Campton under the Province Seal

Attested ℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]—

Province of New Hamps[r] October 9[th] 1761—

Recorded from the back of the Origional Charter of Campton under the Province Seal

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]

[CAMPTON REGRANT, 1767.]

*Province of New-Hampshire. *3–174

GEORGE, THE THIRD,
By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.
To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty five thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to contain something more than Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the N: Westerly Corner of Holderness at a red Oak tree on the bank of the River from thence runing East six miles to the N: E. Corner of Holderness from thence runing North Five miles from thence West about 4½ miles to Pemigiwasset River, from thence a strait Line Westerly to the N: E. Corner of Rumney from thence on a runing Line S° 30 D^s West to the south Easterly Corner thereof, which is also the N: Easterly Corner of Cockermouth from thence Easterly on a Streight Line to the N: Westerly Corner of Holderness the bounds first mention'd And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Campton And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfran-

chized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty *3–175 Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the which said Meeting shall be Notified by who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the

said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made the twenty-fifth day of *December*.

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth* or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 5th Day of January In the Year of our Lord Christ, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Seven And in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command,
with Advice of Council,
T. Atkinson jr Secretary—

Province of New Hampshire January 5th 1767—

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the province Seal

Attested ℘ : T Atkinson Junr Secry

*Names of the Grantees of Campton. *3–176

Ebenezer Little	Increase Crosbey	Clement March Esqr
Moses Little	Thomas Fuller	Abel Webster
Ebenezer Little jr	James Passival	Jonathan Cone
Nathan Little	Chileab Brainerd	Lemuel Griffin
Jacob Merrill Esqr	Josiah Brainerd	Lemuel Griffin jr
Benjn Hoyt	Nathan Brainerd	George Griffin

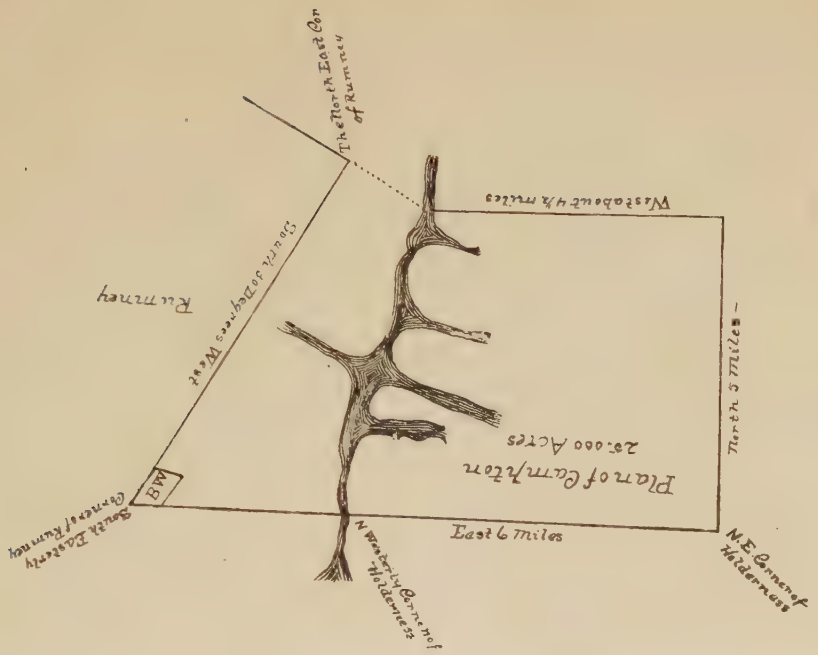
Abner Greenleaf	Joseph Selden	Jonah Cone
Alexander Morrison	Grindal Rawson	William Cone
William Morrison	Ebenezer Taylor	Peter Spencer
Daniel Lunt	Ephraim Wesson	Asa Spencer
Nehemiah Wheeler	William Hobart	Aaron Cleveland
Onesipharus Page	Lattho Sippio	Stephen Sparrow
Christopher Holmes	Abel Willey	Nath^{l} Sparrow
Job Beckwith	Joseph Spencer Esq :	Rich^{d} Sparrow
Nath^{l} Beckwith	Joseph Spencer jun^{r}	James Sparrow
John Holmes	Hobart Spencer	James Dickson
Uriel Holmes	John Southmaid	Green Hungerford
Eliphalet Holmes	Daniel Pierce Esq^{r}	Lemuel Hungerford
Sam^{l} Selldon	Theod^{re} Atkinson Esq^{r}	Jon : Moulton Esq^{r}
Levi Crosbey	T : Atkinson jun^{r} Esq^{r}	Gibbins Jewett
Ben^{g} Wentworth	Will : Kannedy	Moses Nowell
	Nath^{l} Fellows	

Five Hundred Acres for his Excellency Benn^{g} Wentworth Esq^{r} as mark'd B. W. in the Plan. which is to be accounted two of the within Shares. One whole share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts. One Share for the first settled Minister. One share for a glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established, & one share for a school for the benefit of said Town for Ever.

Province of New hampshire Jan^{ry} 5th 1767—

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal

℔ : T Atkinson Jun Sec^{ry}



Province of New Hampshire January 5th 1767—
Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Campton Grant under the Province Seal

Attd ℘ : T. Atkinson Jun Secry

CANAAN.

[Granted to Thomas Gustin and others, July 9, 1761. The charter was renewed Feb. 23, 1769. Named from Canaan, Conn., whence came some of the grantees. The town boundaries were settled June 18, 1802. Dame's Gore was annexed July 2, 1846, and State's or Gates's Gore, July 4, 1851.

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 253; Index to Laws, 79; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 217; History, by William A. Wallace, in manuscript; Annals of Our Village, by William A. Wallace, 11, Granite Monthly, 106, 138, 218; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 10, 11, 13; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 524.]

[CANAAN CHARTER, 1761.]

*2-53 *Province of New-Hampshire.

Canaan

GEORGE, THE THIRD, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW HAMPSHIRE, in *New-England*, and of OUR COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, twenty Three Thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to Contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the South East Corner of Hannover from thence North Fifty five Degrees East by Hannover Six Miles to the Corner thereof from thence South Sixty one degrees East Six Miles from thence South forty One Degrees West Six Miles from thence North fifty Eight Degrees West Seven Miles And one Quater of A Mile to the Bounds first Mentioned And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Canaan And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as

soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more *2-54 Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Third Tuesday in August Next which said Meeting shall be Notified by M^r^ Thomas Gustin who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting forever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors. to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Succes-

sors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs and Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 9th Day of July In the Year of our LORD CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One And in the First Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,
With Advice of COUNCIL,
Theodore Atkinson Secry

Prove New Hampr July 9th 1761
Recorded According to the Original under the Provs Seal
℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry

*2–55 *The Names of the Grantees of Canaan Viz

Thomas Gustin	Ebenezr Harris	Joshua Rathburn
Gibson Harris	George Harris	Silvester Randall
Daniel Harris	Caleb Whiting	Samll Dodge ye 3d
Joseph Babcock	William Fox junr	Ephraim Wells
Amos Walsworth	Stephen Kellogg	Josiah Gates junr
Joseph Eames	Israel Kellogg	Lewis Loveridge
Ebenezer Eams	Aaron Cady	Rufus Randall
Ebenezer Peck	Aaron Cady junr	James Jones
Allyn Wightman	Nathll Cady	Jonathan Beebe ye 3d
Jared Spencer	Asa Daniels	Jabez Jones
Ephm Wells junr	John Trible	Thomas Gustin

Thomas Wells	Sam[ll] Dodge	Rich[d] Wibird Esq
Thomas Gustin jun[r]	Sam[ll] Meacham	James Nevin Esq
Jedediah Lothrop	Isaiah Rathburn	Cap[t] John Wentworth)
Clement Daniels	Will[m] Chamberlain	Somersworth (
John Chamberlain	William Chamberlain jun[r]	Cap[t] Tho[s] Westbrook
Benj[a] Chamberlain	Thomas Gates	Daniel Fowle [Waldron
David Chamberlain	George Lamphear	George King Merch[t]
Richard Sparrow	Thomas Minor	William King D[o]
Abner Chamberlain	Phinehas Sabins	Cap William Wentworth
Daniel Rogers &	John Newmarch	Thomas Parker

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A Tract to Contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked in Plan B :W : which is to be accounted Two of the within Shares One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Parts one Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel—One Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town One whole Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as By Law Established—

Prov[e] New Hamp[r] July 9[th] 1761
Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter
℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]

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[Canaan Charter Renewed, 1769.]

*1–333 *Province of } George the third by the Grace of God
New Hamp^r } of Great Britain France & Ireland King
defender of he Faith &c

{ L S } Whereas We of our especial Grace & mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within Our Province of New Hampshire by our Letters patent or Charter under the Seal of our } Canaan } said Province dated the 9^th day of July 1761 in first } extended } Year of our Reign a Tract of Land equal to six Miles square bounded as therein expressed and since surveyed admeasured

marked & ascertained by our order to Isaac Rindge Esq^{r} our Surveyor general of Lands for said Province Granted to a number of our loyal Subjects whose Names are entered on the same to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns on the Conditions therein declared and to be a Town corporate by the Name of CANAAN as by reference to the said Charter may more fully appear. AND WHEREAS the said Grantees have represented unto us that by reason of the great Inconveniencies which occur in the Settlement of the new Townships so remotely situated from any other Townships or Settlements that can afford any assistance hath rendered it impracticable for the whole number of Grantees to perform that Part of the Conditions that relates to the Cultivation of such a Proportion of the said Grant That there are Families now settled on the Premises which affords them hopes of a final Settlement without delay and humbly supplicating us not to take advantage of the breach of said Condition but to lengthen out and grant them some further Time for the performance thereof.

NOW KNOW YE that we being willing to promote the end proposed have of our further Grace & Favor suspended our claim of the forfeiture which the *said Grantees may *1–334 have incurred and by these Presents do grant unto the said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns the further Term of Four Years from this date for performing & fulfilling the conditions matters and things by them to be done as aforesaid except the Quitrents which are to remain due & payable as expressed & reserved in the original Grant or Charter

IN TESTIMONY whereof I have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq^{r} our Governor & Commander in Chief this day of February in the ninth Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1769—

J' Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command
with advice of Council

Ent^{d} & Recorded according to the Original Patent this 23^{d} day of Feb^{y} 1769 Attest^{r}

Theodore Atkinson Sec^{y}

[Grant to Theophilus Dame, 1773.]

*4–145 *Province of New Hampshire.

Cap^{t} Dame's Grant— George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defend of the Faith &c^{a}—

To all to whom these Presents shall come— Greeting—

Whereas We have tho't fit by our Proclamation at S^{t} James's the Seventh Day of October in the third Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1763—amoung other things to testify our Royal Sence And Approbation of the Conduct & Bravery of the officers & Soldiers of our armies and Signified our Desire to reward the Same & have therein com'anded & Impowered Our Several Governors of Our Respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without Fee or reward to Such Reduced officers as have Served in North America during the late War and to such Private Soldiers as have been or Shall be disbanded there and Shall Personally Apply for the Same Such Quantities of Land respectivly as in & by our aforesaid Proclamation are perticularly Mentioned Subject Nevertheless to the Same Quit Rents & Conditions of Cultivation and Improvements as other our Lands are Subject to in the Province in which they are Granted; and Whereas Theophilus Dame of Portsmouth in our County of Rockingham & Province Aforesaid Esq had our appointment as Captain & Served during the late War and having personally applyd & Solicited for such Grant agreable to our aforesaid Proclamation Know Ye that We of our Special Grace certain Knowledge and mere motion do Signify our Approbation as aforesaid & for Encourageing the Settlement & Cultivation of Our Lands within our Said Province of New Hampshire in New England Have by & with the advice of our Trusty & well-beloved John Wentworth Esq Our Governor & Com'ander in Chieff of Our Said Province and of Our Council of the Same agreable to our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation, and upon the Conditions & Reservations hereafter mentioned given & granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do give & Grant unto the Said Theophilus Dame and to his Heirs & Assignes forever a Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Situate lying & being within our Said Province of New Hampshire and containing by Admeasurement Four thousand Two

*4–146 Hundred & Seventy *Two Acres including Ponds

Roads & unimprovable Mountains according to a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Survyer General of Land for our Said Province by our Said Governor's order and return'd into the Secretarys office of our Said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed butted & Bounded as follows (Viz) begining at the North West Corner of Canaan from thence runing South Sixty one degrees East Six miles to A Spruce Tree which is the North East Corner of the Said Canaan thence running North fifty three Deg^{s} East one Mile & Sixty Eight rods to the South East Corner of Dorchester thence North Sixty one degrees West Six Miles to the South West Corner of Said Dorchester thence South fifty three degrees West one mile & Sixty Eight rods to the Bounds first mentioned To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above expressed with the Appurtenances to Him the Said Theophilus Dame & to His Heirs and assigns forever upon the following Terms (Viz)

First—That the Said Grantee shall cut Clear & make Passable for Carriages &c^{a} a road of three rods Wide thro' the Said Tract as Shall at Any Time hereafter be directed or ordered by the Governor & Council aforesaid which road shall be compleated in one Year from the Date of Such Order or Direction aforesaid on Penalty of forfieture of this Grant & of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors—

Second—That the Said Grantee shall Settle or cause to be Settled Five Families in five Years from the Date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or Them entered upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as Shall effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same—

Third—That all White & other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use & none to be Cutt or fell'd without our Special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee in the Premisses his Heirs & Assignes to us our heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penaltys prescribed by any Present or future Act or Acts of Parliament

Fourthly—Yielding & Paying therefor to us our Heirs & Successors on or before the Tenth Day of May 1778 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded

Fifthly—That the Said Grantee his Heirs & assigns shall Yield & Pay unto us our Hiers & Successors Yearly & every Year forever from & after the Expiration of Ten Years from the Date of this Grant which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ Seventeen

Hundred Eighty Three, One Shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and So in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land afore Said—which Money shall be paid by the Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to recieve the Same and these to be in Lieu of all Other Rents & Services whatsoever—

Sixthly—That this Grant Shall not interfere with Any of our Grants made as aforesaid & now in force nor Interrupt the Grantees in their Improvements making thereon agreable to the Conditions thereof—

In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of Our Said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed—Witness John Wentworth Esq Our Afore Said Governor & Com-
*4-147 mander *in Chieff the Seventh Day of May in the Thirteenth Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1773

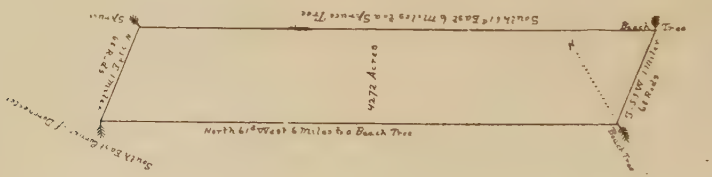
J' Wentworth

By his Excellencys Command

Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry

Recorded according to the original Grant under the Province Seal the 7th Day of May 1773

Attest^r Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry.


South 61d East 6 Miles to a Spruce Tree
Beech Tree
North 53d East 1 Mile 68 Rods
6272 Acres
North 61d West 6 Miles to a Beech Tree
Beech Tree

Province of New Hampshire Portsm° 23 of April 1773—

This certifies that this Plan begining at the North West Corner of Canaan from thence runing South Sixty one Degrees East Six Miles to A Spruce Tree which is the North East Corner of Said Canaan thence runing North 53d East One Mile & Sixty Eight Rods to the South East Corner of Dorchester thence North 61d West Six Miles to the South West Corner of Said Dorchester, thence South fifty three degrees West One Mile & Sixty Eight Rods to the Bounds began at, Contains Four Thousand Two hundred & Seventy Two Acres of Land & is a True Copy of an

Original Plan or Survey of Said Tract as taken & returned to me by John Howard Dep^ty Surve^r

Attest^r Is : Rindge S— G^l

Copy Attest^r Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry

CANDIA.

[This town was a part of Chester known as *Charmingfare*. It was set off and incorporated as Candia, Dec. 17, 1763. Named by Gov. Wentworth from the island of Candia, in Crete, where he was once held a prisoner. The line between Candia and Raymond was established, June 23, 1848.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 101; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 260, 304; Index to Laws, 80; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 137; History, by F. B. Eaton, 1852, pp. 151; History, by J. Bailey Moore, 1893, pp. 528; Something about the Early History, by F. B. Eaton, 4, Granite Monthly, 404; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 302; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 23; Life and Public Services of Frederick Smyth, by Ben: Perley Poore and F. B. Eaton, 1885; History of Chester, by Benjamin Chase, 1869, p. 632.]

CANTERBURY.

[Granted May 20, 1727, to Richard Waldron and others, and then included the territory of Loudon and Northfield. Full town privileges were granted March 19, 1741. Named from an English town. An addition was made on the south-west side, June 13, 1765. Loudon was set off and incorporated Jan. 23, 1773. Northfield was set off and incorporated June 19, 1780. A small tract was severed from Canterbury and annexed to Concord, June 2, 1784, and another to Loudon, Jan. 7, 1852.

See Massachusetts charters preceding, and Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 86; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 261; Index to Laws, 81; Sketches of History, by William Patrick, 4, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 174; Petitions of Inhabitants, 4, *id.* 253; Instances of Longevity, 1793–1823, 3, *id.*, 151; Historical Sermon, 1833, by William Patrick, 1834, pp. 39; Account of the Shakers, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 50; sketch, by J. N. McClintock, 4, Granite Monthly, 387; Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 4, *id.*, 391, 431, 507, and 5, *id.*, 163, 195; Letter to 4th Church in Hampton, 1756, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, Vol. 27, p. 64; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 221; Shakerism Exposed, by Mary M. Dyer, pp. 32; 2d ed. 1855; Concise History of the United Society of Believers Called Shakers, by C. E. Robinson, 1893, pp. 134; The Followers of Ann Lee, by Lloyd H. Chandler, 16, Granite Monthly, pp. 255, 321; A Compendious Narrative Elucidating the Character, Disposition, and Conduct of Mary Dyer, etc., 1819, pp. 88; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 7, 9; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 360.]

[CANTERBURY CHARTER, 1727.]

*1–207 *George By the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of faith &c[a]

To All People to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting know Ye that we of our Special knowledge and meer Motion for the Due Encouragement of Setting A New Plantation by & with the Advise & Consent of our Council have given & Granted and by these Presents as far as in us Lies do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto Sundry of our beloved Subjects whose names are Enterd in A Schedule hereunto Annexed that Inhabit or Shall Inhabit within the Said Grant within our Province of New Hampshire All that Tract of Land within the following bounds Viz to begin at the head of the Town of Chichester & to Run North West by the Town of Gillmantown to Winassosawque Pond or River that Runs Westerly of said Pond & from the first Place where it began then to run South West Seven miles on the head of the aforesaid Town of Chichester and then to run North West to the aforesaid river that comes out of the Pond aforesaid & then the river to be the Bounds on the north West End Provided it Do not Intrench on any former Legal Grant and that the Same be A Town Corporate by the Name of Canterbury to the Persons aforesaid and to Such associates as they Shall admit for ever To HAVE AND TO HOLD the Said Land to the Said Grantees & there associats & their heirs and assigns forever upon the Conditions following—1st that the Proprietors within three Years Build Seventy Dwelling houses & Settle a family in Each House or Cause the Same to be done & Clear three Acres of Ground fit for Planting or mowing & that Each Proprietor Pay his Proportion of the Town Charges when & So often as Occa-

*1–208 sion Shall Require the Same 2dly That a meeting *House be built for the Publick Worship of GOD within the Term of four Years—3dly that upon the Default of Any Perticular Proprietor in Complying with the Conditions of this Charter upon his Part Such Delenquent Proprietor Shall forfeit his Share of the sd Land to the Other Proprietors which Shall be Disposed of According to the Major Vote of the Said Proprietors at A Legal Meeting 4dly That A Proprietors Share be reserved for the first Minister of the Gospel that Shall be there Settled & Ordained & Another for A Parsonage & Another Proprietors Share for the Benefit of A School in the said Town PROVIDED Nevertheless that the Peace with the Indians Continues for the Space of three years

but if it Shall happen that A War with the Indians do brake out before the Expiration of the aforesaid Three years that then the said Term of three years Shall be Allowed to the Proprietors after the Expiration of the War for the Performance of the aforesaid Conditions Rendring & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors or Such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to Receive the Same the Annual Quit Rent or Acknowledgment of one Pinte of Indian Corn in the Said Town on the first fryday in March Yearly for ever (if Demanded) Reserving also unto us our heirs & Successors all mast Trees (Growing on Said Land) According to Acts of Parliament in that Case made & Provided And for the better order Rule & Government of the Said Town we do by these Presents for our Selves our heirs & Successors Grant unto the Said men & Inhabitants or those that Shall Inhabit Said Town that yearly & every year upon the third thursday in March for ever Shall meet to Elect & Choose by the major Part of the Proprietors then Present Constables Selectmen & other Town Officers According to the Laws & Usages of our Said Province with all the Power Previledges & Authoritys as Other Towns & Town Officers within our aforesaid Province here & Enjoy and for the Notifying & Calling of the first Town Meeting we do hereby appoint Paul Gerrish Paul Wentworth & John Smith to be Selectmen for the Said Town of Canterbury & they to Continue in Said office as Selectmen until the third Thursday in the month of March which Shall be in the year of our Lord 1728 & until other Selectmen Shall be Chosen & *Appointed in *1–209 their Stead in Such manner as in these Presents is Expressed In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of Our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq Our Leiutenant Goveronur & Com'ander in Chieff in & over our Said Province of New Hamp^r The Twentieth Day of May in the fourteenth Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1727

John Wentworth

By order of his Hon^r the Lieu^t Govern^r
with Advice of the Council
Richard Waldron Cler—Con

A Schedule of the Proprietors of the Town of Canterbury—

Richard Waldron Esq	Sam^ll Emerson	John Smith
Nathan Hill	Valentine Hill	Sam^ll Hill
Jon^a Chesley	James Basford	Icabod Chesley

Sam[ll] Doe
John Smith jun[r]
Joseph Mason
Joseph Chesley
John Doe
Joseph Smith
Samuel Sias
John Rand
Abra[m] Bennet
John Rollins
Sam[ll] Shepard
John McMath
James Kenniston
George Chesley
Robert Burnam
John York
Gersham Wentworth
Joseph Davis
Robert Kent
Peter Mason
Joseph Jenkins
Hugh Conner
Hubbard Stevens
Robert Thompson
John Runnells
Robert Huggins
Jon[a] Woodman
John Pitman

John Sias
Thomas Willee
Thomas Stimson
James Goodwin
David Davis
Sam[ll] Williams
Ezekiel Leathers
Joseph Eastis
Rich[d] Mattoon
James Gibson
Rob[t] Bamford
Benj[a] York
Tho[s] Young
Icabod Follet
Eleaz[r] Bickford
John Waldron
Benj[a] Wentworth
Francis Mathews
Micah Emerson
James Huggins
Abraham Mathews
John Thompson
Joseph Jones jun[r]
Tim[o] Tebbets
Stephen Jones jun[r]
John Roe
Jon[a] Woodman jun[r]
Benj[a] Jones

Sam[ll] Addams
James Conner
William Leathers
Elias Chritchet
Isaac Watson
John Smith 3[d]
John Huggins
Cyprean Jaffrey
John Moor
John Shepard
Joseph Ellis
Francis Durgen
Jabez Davis
John Burnam
John Bickford
John Hays
Stephen Jones
Joseph Jones
Philip Chesley
Will[m] Brock
Joseph Davis jun[r]
Joseph Jenkins jun[r]
John Thompson jun[r]
William Jenkins
Sam[ll] Chesley
John Woodman
Jon[a] Thompson
Eli : Clark

John Jenkins
*1–210 Joseph Bickford
John Carter

Sam[ll] Tilly
*John Gray
Job Bennets

Francis Mathews jun[r]
John Allen
Joseph Daniells

James Davis 3[d]
James Davis jun[r]
Daniel Davis
Joseph Tibbetts
Samuel Carle
Joseph Hussey
Tho[s] Tibbets
Tristram Coffin
Will[m] Rynes
Nath[ll] Randal

William Brown
Sam[ll] Davis
Jon[a] Bowers
Edward Evans
Joseph Evans
Benj[a] Mason
John Pearle
Job Clements
Tho[s] Rynes
Israel Hodgdon jun[r]

Ebenez[r] Weare
Joseph Hicks
Eph[m] Davis
Jo[s] Tibbets Son of Jo[s]
John Wingate
Benj[a] Evans
James Hanson
James Burnham
Israel Hodgdon
Sam[ll] Randal

Henry Tibbets Son of Nath[ll] Joseph Perkens John Giles

Eli Demerrit	John Demerrit	William Demerrit
John Bussey	Wm Bussey	Henry Tibbets
Benja Tibbets	Edward Tibbets	John Knight
Thos Davis	Samll Smith	John Footman junr
John Blagdon	Thos Drew	John Willee
John Willee junr	Wm Glines junr	John Glines
John Ambler	Richd Waldron Junr	Samll Smith junr
Richd Blanchard	Eleazr Russell	George Jaffrey junr
Richd Wibird junr	Nathll Lummecks	Capt John Gillman
Paul Wentworth	James Marston	James Durgan
Benja Smith	Peter Weare Esq	John Plaisted
James Davis	John Gillman Esq	Andrew Wiggin
Capt John Downing	Willm Fellows	Paul Gerrish
Samll Tibbets	Mr Jno Sanburne	Theode Atkinson
Ephm Dennet	Ebenezr Stevens	Richd Jennes
James Jaffrey	Coll Thos Westbrook	Capt John Frost
Capt Jothm Odiorne	Mr John Reed Attr	John Odiorn Ters
Joseph Derburn	Charles Frost	Nathll Morrill

Admitted Associates His Excellency & Honr Samll Shute Esq & John Wentworth Esq Each of them 500 Acres & a home lott Coll Mark Hunking Coll Walton George Jaffrey Richd Wibird Archibald McPheadris Esqs

Canterbury Charter Certifyed

℔ Richd Waldron Cler: Con—

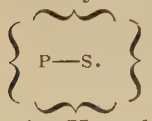
Entered & recorded According to An Attested Copy which having been Exhibited by Josiah Miles & Thomas Clough A Committee Appointed by the Town of Canterbury to Petition the Govr & Council to have the foregoing Copy Entred upon Record in the Serys office which Petition & Copy was Laid before the board & it appearing to be a True Copy the original being as the Council Supposed burnt in the Serys office—twas ordred to be recorded here in obedience to which order twas recorded this 17th Day of Febry 1756—

℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry

[Webster's Ferry, 1767.]

*1–298 *Province of New Hampshire

Websters Ferry



George the third by the Grace, of God of Great Brittain, France & Ireland King, defender of the faith &c:—

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting

Know Ye that We of Our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & mere Motion(& by with the advice of Our Trusty & Well beloved John Wentworth Esq^r Our Captain General Governor & Com'ander in Cheif of Our Province of New Hampshire in North America Have Given & Granted & for us Our Heirs & Successors Do Give & Grant unto our Loyal & most faithful Subject John Webster of Canterbury in Our said Province of New Hampshire Esq^r the Sole Right of Keeping a ferry & of Keeping, Using & Employing a Ferry boat & Boats for the transporting of Men, Horses, Goods, Cattle, Carriages &c: from the Shore of Canterbury where the said Webster lives across Merrimack River to the Shore of Concord & from the shore of said Concord to the Shore of said Canterbury & from the Shore of Canterbury to the Shore of Boscawen & from the Shore of Boscawen to the Shore of Canterbury & from the Shore of Boscawen to the Shore of Concord & from the Shore of Concord to the Shore of Boscawen. To hold the said Ferry & Priviledge of a Ferry, with all Ferryage, Advantages, Emoluments Perquisites & Profits thereunto belonging unto him the said Jn^o Webster Esq^r his Heirs, Executors, Administrators & Assignes from the day of the date hereof for Ever to his & their only proper use & behoof for Ever, Upon the following Conditions Viz^t that he & they do & shall at all times keep such Boats & give such attendance, & behave as the now (or any hereafter) Laws do or may Require, And as a further Encouragement to the said John Webster in & about the Premises We Will that none of Our Loving Subjects Do presume to molest or Interrupt the said Jn^o Webster in his said Ferry or set up any other Ferry upon or across the said River Merrimack within the space of Three Miles above or below the Ferry of the said Jn^o Webster—

In Testimony Whereof We have caused the Public Seal of Our said Prov^ce to be hereunto affixed Witness Our aforesaid Gov^r

JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^{r} this 19th day of Septem^{r} in the 7th Year of Our Reign Anno: Domini 1767

J: Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and
T: Atkinson jun^{r} Sec^{ry}

Province of New Hampshire 19th Sept^{r} 1767
Recorded according to the Original under y^{e} Prov^{ce} seal
Attest: T: Atkinson Jun Sec^{ry}

CARROLL.

[Granted as *Bretton-Woods*, Feb. 8, 1772, to Sir Thomas Wentworth and others. Incorporated as Carroll June 22, 1832. Portions of Nash & Sawyer's Location were annexed, June 22, 1848, and July 2, 1878, and the remainder, together with Crawford's Grant, Sept. 8, 1887. A tract of land on the south of the town was annexed June 27, 1857.

See Index to Laws, 83; sketch, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 427; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 610; A Walk over Mts. Deception, Dartmouth, and Mitten, by G. A. Sargent, 3, Appalachia, 278; History of the White Mountains, by Lucy Crawford, 1845; 2d. ed. by H. W. Ripley, 1883; 3d. ed. by same; The White Hills, by T. Starr King, 1859, pp. 404; 2d. ed. by Isaac N. Andrews, particularly pp. 137, 373, and 380; Incidents in White Mountain History, by B. G. Willey, 1855, pp. 322; Historical Relics of the White Mountains, by John H. Spaulding, 1855, pp. 96; Along the John Stark River, from Agiocochook to the Connecticut, by Levi W. Dodge, 5, Granite Monthly, 357; The White Mountains, A Guide to their Interpretation, by Julius H. Ward, 1890, p. 38; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, pp. 87 and 300; History of Explorations among the White Mountains, by Warren Upham, 1874, in Hitchcock's Geology of N. H., chap. 4, p. 59.]

[BRETTON-WOODS CHARTER, 1772.]

*Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *4–69

(Bretton-Woods) To all to whom these presents shall come. Greeting—

KNOW YE, that we of our special Grace, certain knowledge & mere Motion, for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire by and with the advice of our Trusty & well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Es-

quire our Governor & Commander in chief in & over our said Province of New Hampshire in New England & of our Council of the said Province, Have upon the Conditions & Reservations herein after made given & granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do give & grant unto our loving Subjects Inhab^{ts} of our said Province of New Hampshire & our other Dominions, who have Petitioned us for the same, setting forth their immediate rediness to make a Settlement, & to their Heirs & assigns for ever, whose Names are entered on this Grant to be divided to & amongst them into Eighty three equal Shares, a certain Tract or parcel of Land, situate lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire, being about Six Miles Square & containing by admeasurement Twenty four thousand Six hundred & forty Acres, out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains & Waters One thousand & Forty Acres free, according to a plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's order & returned into the Secretary's office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted & bounded as follows Viz^{t} Beginning at a Rock Maple Tree being the South easterly corner of Dartmouth so called, from thence running East three Miles & an half to a Spruce Tree, thence South Five Miles to a Rock Maple Tree, thence West seven Miles to a Spruce Tree, thence North Six Miles to a Stake, thence East three Miles & an half to a Fir Tree, from thence South One Mile to a Rock Maple Tree, the Bounds began at. To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all privileges & Appurtenances to them the said Grantees & to their respective Heirs & assigns for ever by the Name of Bretton-woods upon the following Conditions, Namely—

First That the said Grantees at their own Cost shall cut clear bridge & make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road
*4–70 of three Rods wide *through the said Tract hereby granted & this to be completed in Two Years from the Date of this Grant, in failure whereof the Premises & every part thereof shall be forfeited & revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them reenter'd upon & regranted to any of our Loving Subjects.

Second That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Eight Families by the first day of January 1774 who shall be actually cultivating some part of the Land & resident thereon, & to continue making further & additional Improvement Cultivation & Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually settled

& resident thereon Sixty Families by the first day of January 1778, on penalty of the forfeiture of any and every Delinquents Share, & of such Share or Shares reverting to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

THIRD That all white & other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or felled without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted.

FOURTH That before any Division of the Land be made to & among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

FIFTH Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of January 1777, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

SIXTH That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield & pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for ever from & after the expiration of one year from the abovesaid first day of January 1777 Namely on the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ 1778 ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or possesses & so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid, w^ch^ Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their Heirs or assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers *as shall be ap- *4-71
pointed to receive the same. And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed—Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our aforesaid GOVERNOR & Commander in Chief the Eighth day of February in the twelfth year of our Reign & in the year of our Lord Christ 1772.

The Names of the Grantees of Bretton-woods.

Sir Thomas Wentworth Bar^t^ John Frost John Gee Pickering
Hon^ble^ Thomas Flucker Isaac Rand Jun^r^ Samuel Hall of Salem
Rev^d^ D^r^ Samuel Langdon Isaac Rand y^e^ 3^d^ Vere Royse

Daniel Fowle	John Rand	William Yeaton
Isaac Rand	Edward Rand	Mark Langdon
William Whipple	Nathaniel Austin	Samuel Jenness
John Moffatt	Thomas Lynde	Francis Jenness
Joseph Whipple	Peter Curtis	Eliphalet Neal
Robert Luist Fowle	Thomas Furber	John Fleming
John Newmarch	Cotton Mather Stevens	John Sprague
Isaac Rindge	John Wendell	Bozenger Salter
Joshua Brackett	George Wentworth	Jacob Sheafe Jun^{r}
Thomas Chadbourn	Joshua Wentworth	John Marsh
George Libbey	James Grouard	Walter Bryant Esq^{r}
John Fernald	Rich^{d} Jenness	Jedediah hibbard
William Langdon	Charles Blunt	Mark Nelson
Samuel Hill	George Savel Homans	Ezekiel Gummer
Elisha Hill	Samuel Foster	James Haslett
Jacob Lavers	Joseph Moulton	David Boynton
Henry Sherburne	Joseph Moulton Jun^{r}	William Pickering
George Hull	Jacob Tilton	Samuel Clark
Joseph Walker	Thomas Achincloss	Isaac Williams
Joseph Lowe	Joseph Bass	James Nelson
John Beck	John Noble	Mark Rogers
Joseph Simms	Peter Man	John Plummer Esq^{r}
Henry Carter	Robert Hart	John Crosby
Nahum Ward	Joseph Ward	Thomas MacDonogh Esq^{r}
Charles Banfield	Nicholas Pickering	

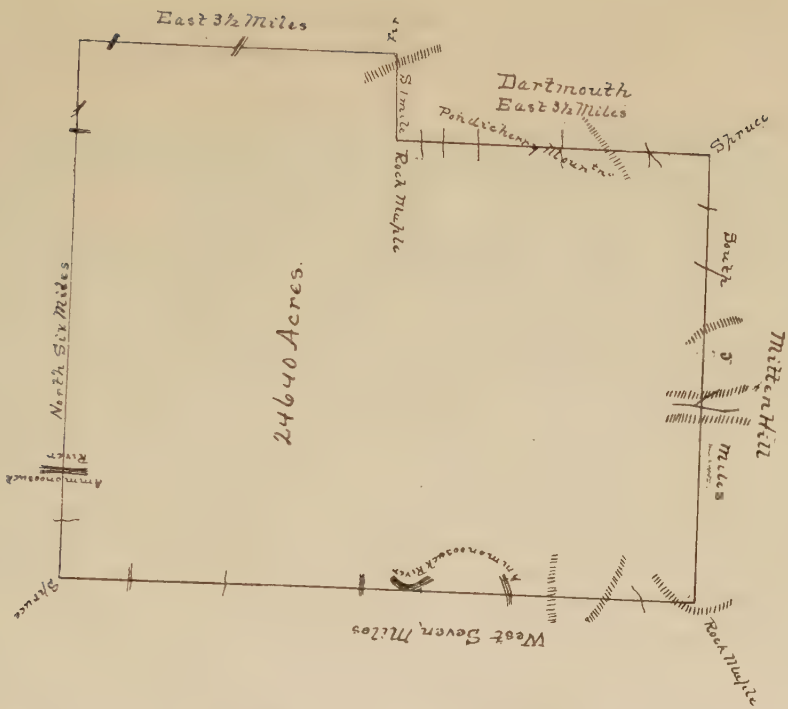
By his Excellency's Command with advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

J' L. S. Wentworth.

Province of New Hampshire March 23^{d} 1772.

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal.

Attest^{r} Theodore Atkinson Se^{ry}



Province of New Hampshire. Portsmouth 12th February 1772

These may Certify that this Plan of Bretton woods Beginning at a Rock Maple tree (being the South Easterly Corner of Dartmouth so call'd) from thence running East three Miles and an half to a Spruce tree, thence South Five Miles to a Rock Maple Tree, thence West seven Miles to a Spruce Tree, thence North Six Miles to a Stake, thence East Three Miles & an half to a Fir tree, from thence South one Mile to a Rock Maple Tree, the bounds began at, Contains Twenty four Thousand & Six Hundred & forty Acres of Land & is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract or Township as taken & returned to me by Mr Vere Royse Depy Survr

Attest: Is. Rindge S. Gl

[Grant to Nash and Sawyer, 1773.]

*4–154 *Province of New Hampsh^re^ } Mess^rs^ Nash & Sawyer } Their Grant. }

George the Third by the Grace of God of great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting

Know Ye that we of our special grace certain Knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling & cultivating our Lands within our Province of New Hampshire by and with the advice of our trusty and wellbeloved John Wentworth Esq^r^ our Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province and of our Council of the same, Have upon the Conditions & Reservations herein particularly recited and expressed given and granted and by these presents for us our Heirs & Successors do give and grant unto our leige and loving Subjects Timothy Nash and Benjamin Sawyer both of our Province of New York And to their Heirs and Assigns forever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing by admeasurement Two thousand one hundred and eighty four Acres of Land situate lying and being in our Province aforesaid as by a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's order and returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed may more fully and at large appear—butted and bounded as follows, viz begining at a Birch Tree and runing south seventeen degrees east two Miles & one half Mile to a hemlock Tree, then south fifty seven degrees west two hundred Rods to a Hackmatack Tree, then north nineteen Degrees and a quarter west two miles and a half to a hemlock Tree, from thence North fifty seven degrees east two hundred and twenty eight rods to the bound begun at—then begining again at the Birch Tree aforesaid from thence runing south fifty seven degrees west two hundred & twenty Eight rods to a Hemlock Tree, being the south west Corner of the Land
*4–155 first described from thence runing north *Fifty two degrees and a quarter west two miles & a quarter to a Spruce Tree, then north fifty seven Degrees west ten Rods to the South boundary line of Bretton Woods, from thence West on said line two Miles and two rods, from thence south seventeen degrees east, one mile and seven rods to the Birch Tree first mentioned—To have and to hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed

to them the said Timothy Nash and Benjamin Sawyer and to their Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Terms Conditions and Reservations viz.

First that the said Grantees shall cut clear bridge and make passable for Carriages &c a Road of Four Rods wide through the said Tract as shall be at any time hereafter directed or ordered by the Governor and Council aforesaid which Road shall be compleated in Years from the date of such order or direction of the Governor and Council aforesaid, on the Penalty of the Forfeiture of this Grant and its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

Secondly That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Five Families in Five Years from the date of this Grant in Failure whereof the premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them entered upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same—

Thirdly That all white and other Pine trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or felled without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantees their Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

Fourthly that any part of the said Tract appearing to be well adapted to the Growth of Hemp or Flax the said Grantees shall sow and continue annually to cultivate a due Proportion of the said Tract not less that Ten Acres in every hundred Acres with that beneficial Article of Produce

Fifthly That the said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly
*4-156 and *every Year forever from and after the expiration of Years from the date of this Grant One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion to a greater or lesser Tract of Land aforesaid, which money shall be paid by the respective proprietor Owner or settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers [as] shall be appointed to receive the same

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq^{r} our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief the 20th Day

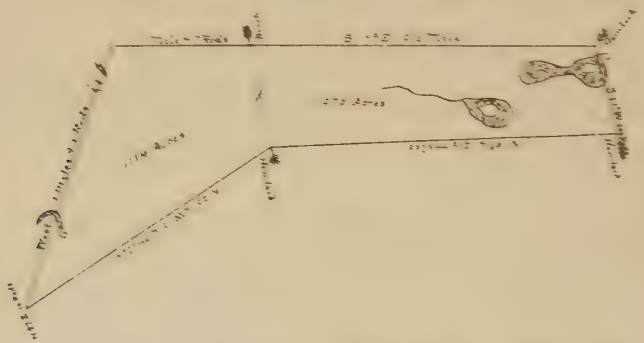
of May in the Thirteenth Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1773—

J Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and
with advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Sec^y

Recorded According to the original Charter under the Pro^r Seal this 22^d Day of May 1773—

Attest^r Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry



Province of New Hampshire—Portsm^o 19 May 1773—This Certifies that the Plan beginning at a Birch Tree from thence runing South Seventeen Degrees East Two Miles
*4-157 & a half to a Hemlock Tree. thence South fifty *Seven Degrees West two Hundred rods to A Hemlock Tree then North Nineteen degrees & a Quarter West Two Miles & a Half to a Hemlock Tree from thence North fifty Seven degrees East Two hundred & Twenty Eight rods to the Bounds began at Contains One thousand & Seventy Acres and is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of Said Tract as taken & returnd by Edward Bucknam Deputy Surveyer.

And the Land represented by the Plan begining at the Birch Tree afore Said from thence runing South fifty Seven degrees West two Hundred & Twenty Eight [rods] to a Hemlock Tree being the South West Corner of the Land first discribed from thence runing North fifty two degrees and A Quarter West Two Miles & A Quarter to A Spruce Tree then North fifty Seven Degrees West ten Rods to the South Boundary Line of Britton Woods from thence West on Said Line two miles & Two Rods from thence South Seventeen degrees East one Mile & Seven rods

to the Birch Tree first mentioned Containing one thousand one Hundred & fourteen Acres & is Protracted by order of his Excellency Governor Wentworth

Copy: Theodore Atkinson Secr^y

CENTER HARBOR.

[Set off from New Hampton and incorporated, Jan. 1, 1797. So called because it contained the middle tract of town surveys, Meredith Bridge or Bay being on the east and Meredith Neck or Bay on the west. A part of Meredith was annexed to Center Harbor, July 3, 1873.]

[See N. J. Hammond Town Papers, 3rd. Series, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18; Belknap's History of Belknap County, 1784, p. 132; article on same by Isaac W. Hammond, 4 Granite Monthly, 1881; Stewart's History of the Five Regiments, 1892, p. 171; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 326; In the Heart of the White Mountains by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 8.]

CHARLESTOWN.

[This town was Number 4 in the line of towns on the east side of Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Dec. 31, 1735. Incorporated as Charlestown, July 2, 1753, and named in honor of Commodore Sir Charles Knowles, of the British navy. A portion of the town was combined with a part of Walpole to make up the town of Langdon, Jan. 11, 1787. Three families, with their estates, were severed from it, 1815, and annexed to Charlestown, June 22, 1815. The same day the town was divided into two parishes for parochial purposes.

See IX. Bouton Town Papers, 96; X. Bouton Province and State Papers, 322, 396, 400, as to petitions in the movement for union with Vermont towns; N. J. Hammond Town Papers, 279; Index to Laws, 88; Annals by Jeremiah Chaplin; Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 111; Smith's History of Sullivan County, 1866, p. 297; History, by Jeremiah Chaplin, 1856, pp. 41; Centennial, by H. H. Saunderson, 1876, pp. 196; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 287; Biographical Notices of Physicians, by N. H. Carpenter, in Centennial of Lunenburg, Mass., in Cheshire County, by E. A. Hazen, in Proceedings of N. H. Historical Society, 92.]

[Charlestown Charter, 1753.]

*Province of New Hamp^r *1-162

P S

George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c^a

To all Persons to whom these Presents Shall Charlestown come Greeting

Whereas Sundry of our Loving Subjects before the Settlement

of the Dividing Line of our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid and of our Other Government of the Massachusetts Bay, began A Settlem^{t} of a Tract of Land called N^{o} (4) Lying on Connecticut River above the Great falls & made Sundry Divisions of & Improvements upon the Said Tract of Land and there remaind till the Indian Warr forced them off, and our Said Subjects being Desireous to make an Imediate Settlement on the Premisses and haveing Petitioned our Governour & Council of his Maj^{eys} Grant of the Premisses to be so made as might not Subvert & Distroy their former Surveys & Laying out in Severalty made thereon as aforesaid Now Know Ye that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & mere Motion for answering the Ends aforesaid and for the Due Encouragement of Settling the said Plantation By & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieff in & over our Said Province of New Hampshire in America and of our Council of our said Province Have upon the Conditions & Reservations herein after made Given & Granted and by these Presents for us our heirs & successors Do Give & Grant unto our Loveing Subjects Inhabitants of our Said Province of N Hamp^{r} and our other Governments in New England and to their heirs & assignes for ever whose names Are Entered on this Grant to be Divided to & amoungst them into So many & Such Shares & Proportions as they now hold or Claim the Same by Purchase Contract Vote or Agrement mad amoungst themselves All that Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our said Province of New Hampshire Containing by admeasurement Twenty three thousand & forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six miles Square & no more out of which an allowance is to be made for highways & unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains Ponds & Rivers one thousand & forty Acres free, According to A Plan thereof made & Presented by our said Governours orders and hereunto annexed
*1–162 Butted & Bounded as follows—Viz—Begining *At A Tree on the Bank of Connectticut River Marked for the North West Corner of Walepole then runs south 78^{d} degrees East three Miles & one hundred Rods to the North East Corner of s^{d} Walpole from thence one Mile & Two hundred & Eighty Eight Rods East by the needle to an Angle in Newton then North 2^{d} West Eight miles & an half by Newton & Burnet & to an Angle in Buckingham then North Seventeen degrees East One thousand & sixty Rods by Buckingham aforesaid then North 78^{d} West up home to Connecticut River thence Running Down Said river to

the Bounds first mentioned And that the Same Be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of CHARLESTOWN And that the Inhabitants that do or Shall hereafter Inhabit the Said Township Are hereby Declared to be Enfranchized with & Intituled to All & every the Previledges & Immunities that other Towns within our Said Province by Law Exercise & Enjoy And further that the Said Town as Soon as there Shall be fifty families resident thereon—Shall have the Liberty to open & keep A Market one or more Days in Each Week as may be tho^{t} most Advantagious to the Inhabitants Also that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers & Other Affairs Agreble to the Laws of our said Province Shall be held on the Second Tuesday in August next which Meeting Shall be notifyed by Phineas Stevens Esq who is hereby also appointed the moderator of the Said first meeting which he is to Notify & Govern Agreable to the Law & Custom of our Said Province And thatthe Annual meeting forever hereafter for the Choice of Such officers for the Said Town Shall be on the Second Tuesday in March Annually To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above Expressed togeather with all the Previledges & Appurtenances to them & their respective heirs And Assignes for ever upon the following Conditions Viz—That every Grantee his heirs or Assigns Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five years for every fifty Acres Contained in his or their Shares or Proportion of Land in the Township And Continue to Improve & Settle the Same by Additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the Said Township And its reverting to his Majesty his heirs & Successors to be by him or them Regranted to Such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same That all white and other
*Pine Trees Within the Said Township fit for masting our *1–163
Royal Navy be Carefully Preserved for that use & none
to be Cut or felled without his Majestys Especial Lycence for So Doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his heirs or assignes to us our heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penaltys of Any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter Shall be Enacted Also Reserving the Power of Adding to or Divideing the Said Town so far as it relates to Incorporations only to us our heirs & successors when it Shall Appear necessary & Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof That before any further Division of the said Lands be made to and amoungst the Grantees A Tract of Land in the most Comodious Place the Land will admit of Shall

be reserved & marked out for Town Lotts one of which Shall be allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of One Acre Yielding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of ten years to be Computed from the Date hereof the annual rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only Com'encing on the first Day of January Ensueing the Date hereof & Every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant Shall Yield & Pay to us our heirs & Successors Yearly and every Year forever from & after the Expiration of the Ten years from the Date hereof Namely on the first Day of January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ one thousend seven hundred & Sixty four One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Posseses and So in Proportion for A Greater or Lesser Tract of the Said Land which money Shall be paid by the Respective Persons abovesaid their heirs or assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to Recieve the same and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever—In Wittness whereof we have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province the Second Day of July in the year of Our Lord Christ 1753 & in the 27th Year of our reign.—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Command
with advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Secry

Entered & recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal this 2d July 1753—

℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry

Names of the Grantees of Charles Town

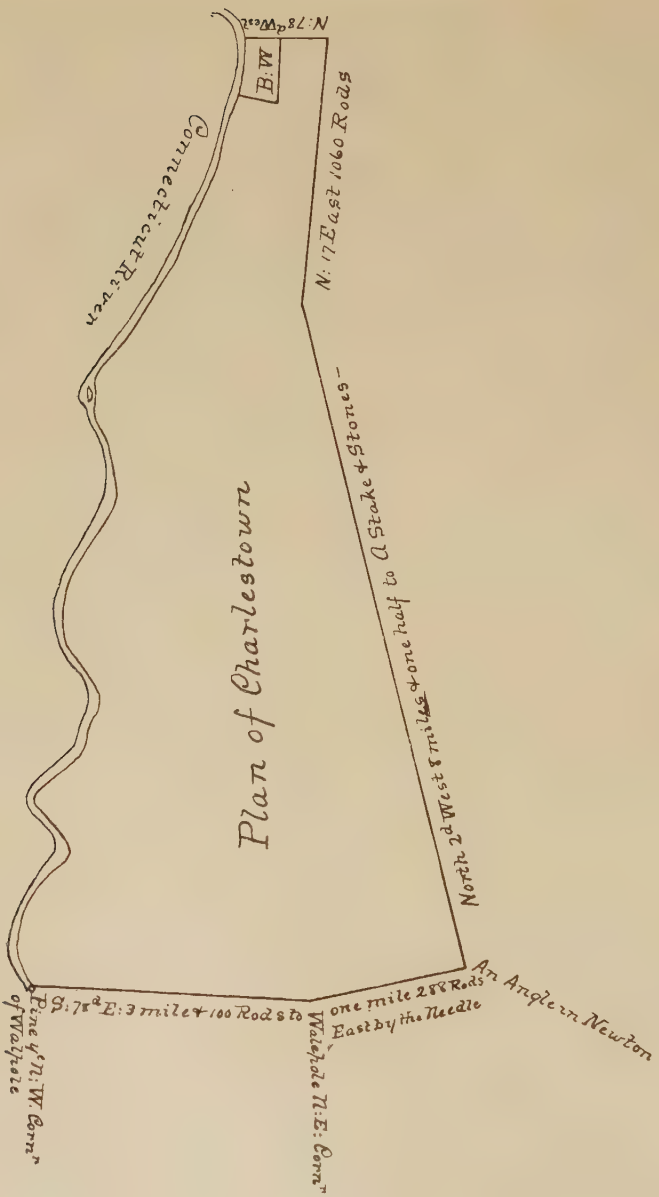
Joseph Wells, Phineas Stevens, Jonathan Sage,
Stephen Farnsworth, James Farnsworth, John Sawyer,
John Sawyer junr, Nathaniel Parker, the widow & the
*1–164 Heirs of Obediah Sartwell, deceasd *Isaac Amsden,
Seth Putnam, Andrew Gardner, Silvanus Hastings,
John Hastings junr, Josiah Willard, Wm Haywood,
James Porter, Obediah Dickinson, James Kellog,
Isaac Parker, Jonathan Hubbard, Ebenezer Putnam,
Joseph Willard, Moses Willard, Joseph Billings,
James Johnson, David Farnsworth, Thomas Adams,
John Hastings, Ebenezr Hindsdale Seth Walker,

Simon Sartwell,	John Spoffard	Thomas Putnam,
Lemuel Hastings,	Isaac Holden,	Moses Wheeler,
Peter Laboree,	Benj[a] Allen,	Dana,
Jonathan Wetherbe,	Abijah Wetherbe,	Samuel Wetherbe,
Joseph Woods,		

his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq one Tract of Land of the Contents of five hundred Acres One sixty forth part of the said Tract for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Parts one Sixty fourth Parte for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in said Town one Sixty fourth Part of the Said Tract for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established—

Recorded from the Back of the Charter for Charlestown the 2[d] Day of July 1753—

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]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Connecticut River
N: 17 East 1060 Rods
Plan of Charlestown
North 2d West 8 miles & one half to a Stake & Stones —
An Angle in Newton
one mile 288 Rods East by the Needle
Walden N.E. Corn.
E: 3 mile & 100 Rod s to
Pine W. Corn. of Waltham

Taken from the Plan on the back of the Charter for Charlestown July 2d 1753

℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry

[Olcott's Ferry, 1772.]

*Province of New Hampshire *1–438

L. S.

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come.

Olcott's Ferry. } Greeting.

Know Ye that we of our special Grace certain knowledge & mere Motion (by and with the Advice of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esquire our Governor & Commander in Chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire in New England) have given and granted *and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors *1–439 do give and grant unto our loyal and faithful Subject Simeon Olcott of Charlestown in our said Province Esqr the Sole Right of keeping a Ferry and of keeping using and Employing a Ferry boat and Boats for the transporting of Men, Horses, Goods, Cattle Carriages &c. from the Shore of Charlestown nearly opposite the Mouth of Black River, so called, in Springfield, where it enters into Connecticut River, across the said River Connecticut, to the opposite Shore of said Springfield, and from thence back again to the Shore of Charlestown aforesaid, To Hold the said Ferry and privilege of a Ferry, with all ferryage, Advantages, Emoluments, Perquisites and Profits thereunto belonging to him, the said Simeon Olcott his Heirs, Executors Administrators and Assigns from the day of the date hereof, to his and their only proper use, benefit and behoof for Ever, upon the following Conditions. Vizt. That he and they shall at all Times keep such Boat or Boats and give such Attendance, and behave as the now (or any hereafter) Laws do or may require; On Penalty of forfeiting this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors. And as a further Encouragement to the said Simeon Olcott in and about the Promises, We Will that none of our loving Subjects do presume to molest or interrupt the said Simeon Olcott in his said Ferry, or set up any other Ferry upon or across the

said River Counecticut within One Mile above & three Miles below the Ferry of the said Simeon Olcott.—

In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Thirteenth day of June in the Twelfth year of our Reign, Annoque Domini 1772.

J' Wentworth

By his Excell$^{cy's}$ Command
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal, this 22^{d} June 1772.

Attest^{r}

CHATHAM.

[Granted Feb. 7, 1767, to Peter Livius and others, and named in honor of Lord Chatham. A tract of land near the center of the town was granted by Gov. John Wentworth to his private secretary, Thomas McDonough, July 2, 1772. Samuel Gilman's grant, on the north, was annexed June 23, 1817. The farms of Jonathan Hardy and Edward Shirley were severed from Conway and annexed to Chatham, June 26, 1823. The farm of Judah Dana was annexed, July 2, 1838. A portion of Chatham was annexed to Bartlett, June 30, 1869. Chatham was taken from Coös County and annexed to Strafford, and so remained until the formation of Carroll County, in which it was then included.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 301; Index to Laws, 90; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 977; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 600; Concerning the True Name of Northern Kearsarge, 1, Appalachia, 152; The Baldface—Eastman Range, by J. R. Edmands, 2 *id.*, 163; Evans Notch, Royce, Baldface, by M. M. Pychowska, 3, *id.*, 264; Speckled Mountain, by E. B. Cook, 4, *id.*, 71; Report of the Majority of the Committee on the Name Kearsarge by John M. Shirley, 1, Proceedings of the N. H. Historical Society 1879, 173; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 39.]

[Chatham Charter, 1767.]

*3–178 *Province of New-Hampshire.

Chatham

P S—

GEORGE, the Third,
By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c.
To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge,

and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy seven equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement Twenty five thousand Six hundred *Acres*, which Tract is to contain more than Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the N: E: Corner of the Township of Conway on the dividing line between the province of Newhamps^{r} & the Massachusetts Bay, & from thence runing N^{o} 8 ^{dgs} East bound^{g} on s^{d} Dividing Line Ten miles, thence turning of at Right Angles & runing N^{o} 82 ^{dgs} West four miles thence turning of at Right Angles & runing S^{o} 8 ^{d} West to the afores^{d} Township of Conway thence S^{o} 8 ^{dgs} East bound^{g} on said Conway to the bounds first mention'd And that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Chatham And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most ad- *3–179

vantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the last Monday in February next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Walter Bryent jun^{r} Esq^{r} who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the first Monday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1767—

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day

of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1777—*One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Seventh Day of February In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty seven And in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,
With Advice of COUNCIL,
T: Atkinson j^r Secr'y,—

Province of New Hampshire February 9^th^ 1767—
Recorded according to the Original Patent under the Province Seal

Attest^d^ T Atkinson Jun Sec^ry

*Names of the Grantees of Chatham.— *3–180

Peter Livius Esq^r^	Tho^s^ Young Esq^r^	L^t^ Joseph Senter
Jon^a^ Moulton Esq^r^	Tho^s^ Young jun^r^	Nicholas Doe
Jonathan Trickey	Jerem^h^ Folsom j^r^	Josiah Hilton
Jon^a^ Leavet	Tho^s^ Tash Esq^r^	John Bennet j^r^
Daniel Pierce Esq^r^	Jeremy Bryent Esq^r^	William Parker Esq^r^
Jacob Tredwell j^r^	John Doe	John Sullivan
Capt: Nathaniel Adams	L^t^ John Burley	Sam^l^ Cutts
Nath^l^ Frost	John Burley j^r^	Jon^a^ Warner Esq^r^
Capt: Hubartis Neal	Jerem^h^ Folsom	John Tash
George Meserve	L^t^ Joseph Young	Joshua Brackett
James Gooding	Zachariah Foss	Jn^o^ Johnson
Jon^a^ Leavet jun^r^	Walter Bryent Esq^r^	David Hicks
John Bennet	Col: Clem^t^ March	Barth^w^ Smart
James Cram	Walter Bryent j^r^ Esq^r^	Dan^l^ Foster
David Folsom j^r^	Joseph Mason	Tho^s^ Merill
Bradstreet Doe	Jn^o^ Folsom—Greenland	James Folsom
Ammi Ruhamah Cutter	Capt: Timothy Walker	Maj. W^m^ Weeks

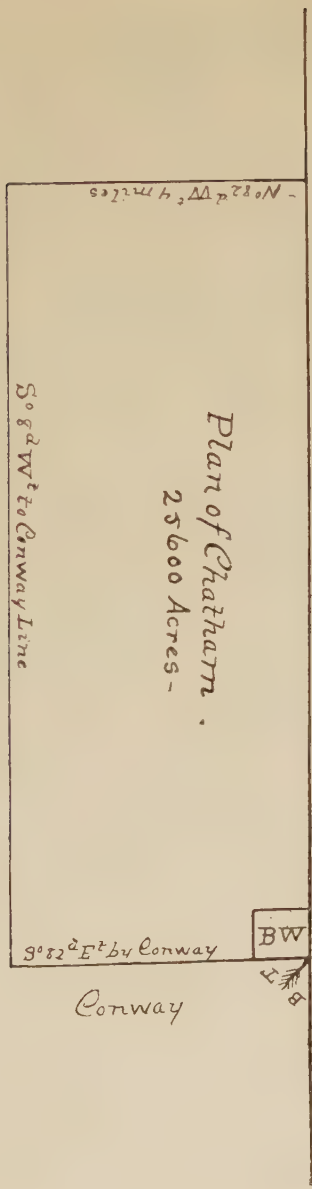
Edw^{d} Smith	Timothy Walker j^{r}	Benj^{n} Smith Esq^{r}
Rich^{d} Shatswell	Ichabod Whiddon	Sam^{l} Livermore Esq^{r}
John Bryent	L^{t} Sam^{l} Gilman	Noah Emory Esq^{r}
Stephen Willey	David Gilman	Capt : Jn^{o} Clark
Silas Urine	Col : Winthrop Hilton	George Livius &
Ede Hall Bergin	L^{t} Winthrop Hilton	T : Atkinson j^{r} Esq^{r}
John Dole	Ichabod Hilton	
Philip Fowler j^{r}	L^{t} John McDuffee	

Five hundred Acres for his Excellency Benn^{g} Wentworth Esq^{r} as mark'd B : W : in the plan which is to be accounted two of the within Shares. One share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel & one share for a Public School in said Town for Ever—

Province of New Hampshire 9th Feb^{ry} 1767—

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal

℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec^{ry}


N. 8 deg E. the dividing Line between New Hamps.e & the Massachusetts Bay
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Plan of Chatham.
25600 Acres.
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S. 82 d E. by Conway
Conway

Province of New hamps^{r} 9th Feb'ry 1767
Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Chatham under the Prov Seal—

Att^{d} ℔ T. Atkinson Jun Sec^{ry}

[Grant to Henry Bellew, 1772.]

*4–121 *Province of New Hampshire.

Cap^{t} Bellews' Grant.

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.

L. S.

To all to whom these Presents shall come. Greeting.

Whereas we have thought fit by our Proclamation at S^{t} James's the Seventh day of October in the Third Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1763, among other things to testify our Royal sense and Approbation of the Conduct and Bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of our Armies, and signified our desire to reward the same, and have therein commanded & Impowered our several Governors of our *respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without fee or reward to such reduced Officers as have served in North America during the late War, and to such Private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there, and shall Personally apply for the same, such quantities of Land respectively as in and by our aforesaid Proclamation are particularly mentioned; subject nevertheless, to the same Quit Rents and Conditions of Cultivation and Improvement as other our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are granted. And whereas Henry Bellew Esquire had our Appointment to the Command of one of our Ships of War; (call'd the dispatch) at the Reduction of Louisbourg, and served in the late War, in North America, and is now reduced, and he having personally applied & sollicited for such Grant agreeable to our aforesaid Proclamation. Know Ye that we of our special grace certain knowledge & mere Motion do signify our Approbation as aforesaid, and for encouraging the Settlement & Cultivation of our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England, Have, (by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esq^{r} our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province & of our Council, agreeable to our aforesaid in part recited Procla-

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mation, and upon the Conditions and Reservations hereafter mentioned) given and granted, and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto the said Henry Bellew and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever, a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, situate, lying, and being within our said Province, and containing by admeasurement FIVE THOUSAND three Hundred and Twenty six Acres, out of which an Allowance is to be made for unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Mountains and Waters, three hundred and Twenty six Acres free, according to a plan or Survey thereof, exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province, by our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows Viz[t] Beginning at a Poplar Tree on the Province Line, Two hundred & Eighty three Rods from the North East corner of Conway, said Tree being also the North East corner of a Tract of Land laid out for *Gregory Purcell, thence North eight degrees East, One *4-123 thousand and Forty Nine Rods to a Hemlock Tree marked HB, thence North Eighty two degrees West Seven Hundred and Twenty one Rods to a Spruce Tree marked HB, standing on the side of a Mountain, about Forty rods from the Foot, thence South eight degrees West to Conway Line, thence by Conway Line three Hundred and Thirty Rods to the South west corner of said Purcell's Grant, then North eight degrees East to a Beech Tree, which is the North west corner of Purcell's Grant aforesaid & from thence South eighty two degrees East Three Hundred & Eighty two Rods to the Poplar Tree began at. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, with the appurtenances to him the said Henry Bellew, and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever upon the following Terms, Viz[t]

FIRST. That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make passable for Carriages &c, a Road of three Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall at any Time hereafter be directed or order'd by the Governor and Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in one Year, from the date of such Order or Direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid, on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & and of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors.

SECOND. That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be Settled FIVE Families in five Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

THIRD. That all white and other Pine Trees, fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, and none to be cut or fell'd without our special License for so doing first had & obtained on Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee, in the Premises, his Heirs & Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTH. That any part of the said Tract appearing to be well adapted to the growth of Hemp or Flax, the said Grantee shall sow & continue annually to cultivate a due proportion of the said Land, not less than Fifty Acres in every thousand Acres, with that beneficial Article of Produce.

*4–124 *FIFTH. Yielding and Paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the day of 17 , the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

SIXTH. That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for ever from and after the expiration of Ten Years from the date of this Grant, which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ 1782 ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which Money shall be Paid by the Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same: And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^{r} our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Twenty first day of November in the 13th Year of our Reign, & in the Year of our Lord Christ 1772.

J' Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command }
with advice of Council. }
Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Province of New Hampshire. 21st November 1772.
Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal. Attest^{r}

Province of New Hampshire, Portsmouth 12th October 1772.
This Certifies that this Plan, Beginning at a Poplar Tree, standing in the East Boundary Line of said Province 283 rods, from the

N. E. corner of Conway, from thence running N. 8° E. on said Province Line, 3 Miles & 89 rods to a Hemlock Tree marked HB. thence N. 82° W. 2 Miles & 81 rods to a Spruce Tree mark'd HB. thence S 8° W. 4 Miles & 52 Rods, to the Northerly line of said Conway, thence on said Line, S. 82° E. one Mile & 19 rods, thence N. 8° E. 283 rods, thence S. 82° E. 1 mile & 62 Rods to the Bound first mentioned, Contains 5326 Acres of Land, & is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me by Capt Henry Young Brown Dty Surv^{r}

Attest^{r} Is: Rindge S. General.

[Grant to Samuel Gilman, 1770.]

*Province of New Hampshire } George the Third by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of Faith &c. *1–370

{ L. S. }

To all to whom these Presents shall come. Greeting.—

Lt Saml Gilman's Grant } Whereas we have tho't fit by our Proclamation at St James's the seventh day of October in the Third year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1763, (among other Things to testify our Royal sense and approbation of the Conduct and bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of our Armies & signified our desire to reward the same, & have therein commanded & impower'd our several Governors of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to Grant without fee or reward to such reduced officers as have served in North America during the late War, and to such private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there, and shall personally apply for the same, such quantities of Land respectively as in and by our afors^{d} Proclamation are particularly mentioned, subject nevertheless to the same Quit Rents & conditions of Cultivation and Improvement as other our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are Granted. And whereas Samuel Gilman of Newmarket in our said Province Gentleman had our Appointment as Lieutenant, and served during the late War and is now reduced & he having personally applied and solicited for such Grant, agreable to our aforesaid Proclamation Know Ye that we of our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion do signify our approbation as aforesaid and for encouraging the settlement & cultivation of our Lands within our said Province of New Hamp-

shire in New England HAVE by & with the advice of our Trusty & well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^r our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province and of our Council of the same (agreable to our afores^d in part recited Proclamation and upon the Conditions and reservations herein after mentioned,) given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors DO give and grant unto the said Samuel Gilman & to his heirs & Assigns for Ever, a certain Tract of Land containing by admeasurement TWO THOUSAND Acres lying and being within our Province of New Hampshire afores^d Butted & bounded as follows, Viz^t. Beginning at the North East corner bounds of Chatham & running North Eight degrees East Two miles Twenty six Rods and Two Thirds on the Province Line to a beech Tree, from thence North Eighty two Degrees West One mile and one half
1-371 to a Beech Tree, then turning off at right Angles and runing South Eight degrees West Two miles Twenty six Rods and two thirds to a hemlock Tree, then turning off again at Right Angles and running South Eighty two Degrees East One mile and an half to the bounds first began at. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above Express'd to him the said Samuel and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever upon the following Terms Conditions and Reservations Viz^t

FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut, clear and make passable for Carriages &c a Road of Four Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall at any time hereafter be directed or order'd by the Governor and Council aforesaid which Road is to be completed in Two years from the date of such Order or direction of the Governor and Council afores^d on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of it's reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.—

SECOND That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be setled Six Families in Five Years from the date of this Grant in failure whereof the Promises to revert to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.—

THIRD That all white and other Pine Trees being and growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserv'd for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the said Tract his heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.—

Fourth Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and Successors on or before the First day of January 1778 the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.—

Fifth That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for Ever, from and after the expiration of one year from the aboves[d] First day of January namely on the First day of January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ One Thousand seven hundred and Seventy Nine, One Shilling Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so Owns, Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or less Tract of the land afores[d]; which money shall be paid by the respective Owner, Setler or Proprietor as aforesaid in our Council Chamber in Portsm[o] or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, and these to be in lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever.—In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq[r] our afores[d] Governor and Command[r] in chief the First day of March in the Tenth year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1770.

J' Wentworth.

By his Excell[cy's] Comm[d]
with advice of Council
Theo: Atkinson Sec[ry]

*Recorded according to the Original Patent under the Province Seal, this 9th day of March 1770.— *1–372

Att[t] Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]

Province of New Hampshire, 7th Decr 1769.—

These Certify that this plan beginning at the N. E. corner bounds of Chatham & running N. 8° E. 2 miles 26 Rods & ⅔ds on the Province Line to a Beech Tree from thence N. 82° W. One mile and one half to a Beech Tree, then turning off at right Angles and runing S. 8° W. 2 Miles & 26 rods and ⅔ds to a hemlock Tree, then turning off again at Right angles & running S. 82° E. one mile and an half to the bounds first began at. contains 2000 Acres of Land, & is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me ℔ Capt Hubartis Neal Dy Surv[r]

Attestd ℔ Is: Rindge Sr Genl

[Grant to Samuel Langdon, 1772.]

*Province of New Hampshire. *4–87

Dr Langdon's Grant. George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britn France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.

L. S.

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting.

Know ye, that we of our special Grace certain knowledge & mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling and cultivating our Lands within our Province aforesaid, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esqr our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire and of our Council of the same, Have (upon the Conditions and Reservations herein particularly recited and expressed) given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our liege and loving Subject Samuel Langdon of Portsmouth in our County of Rockingham and Province aforesaid D. D. and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in our Province aforesaid, containing by Admeasurement Three thousand Four Hundred & Thirty Acres, being about Fifty Acres each to the number in the Family of the said Grantee, exclusive of, and out of which an Allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains & Waters Nine Hundred and Thirty Acres free, according to a plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted bounded as follows. Vizt Beginning at an hemlock Tree, being the North Easterly corner Bounds of a Tract of Land laid out for Henry Bellew Esqr & running North Eight Degrees East Two Miles and Forty Six Rods to a White Pine Tree, from thence North Eighty two Degrees West Two Miles and one half Mile to Two Rock Maple Trees, from thence South Eight Degrees West Two Miles & Forty Six Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence South Eighty Two Degrees East Two Miles and one half Mile to the Bound began at. To have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the said Samuel Langdon and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever upon the following Terms and Conditions Vizt

First. That the said Grantee shall cut clear and make passable

for Carriages &c. a Road of Four Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or Order'd by *4–88 the Governor & Council* aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in One Year from the date of such Order or Direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of it reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

SECONDLY That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Five Families in Six Years from the date of this Grant, in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

THIRDLY That all [white] and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTHLY That any part of the said Tract appearing to be well adapted to the growth of Hemp or Flax, the said Grantee shall sow & continue annually to cultivate a due proportion of the said Land, not less than One Hundred Acres in every thousand Acres with that beneficial Article of Produce.

FIFTHLY That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for Ever from and after the expiration of Ten Years from the date of this Grant, ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so Owns Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid, which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth to such Officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same: And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Our Governor & Commander in Chief aforesaid the Twelfth day of June in the 12th Year of our Reign Anno: Domi 1772.

J' Wentworth.

By his Excellcys Command }
with advice of Council }

Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this 18th June 1772.

Attest[r] Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]

*Province of New Hampshire. Portsmouth 20th May 1772. *4–89

These Certify that this Plan Beginning at an Hemlock Tree being the North Easterly Corner bound of a Tract of Land laid out for Cap[t] Henry Bellew, & running North Eight degrees East Two Miles & 46 Rods to a White Pine Tree, from thence N. 82° W. 2 Miles & 160 Rods to Two Rock Maple Trees, from thence S. 8° W. 2 Miles & 46 Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence S. 82° E. 2 & ½ Miles to the bound began at. Contains 3430 Acres of Land, & is a True Copy of an Original plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me by Vere Royse D[ty] Surv[r]

attest. Is: Rindge S. G[l]

[Grant to Thomas McDonough, 1772.]

*4--111 *Province of New Hampshire } George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith, &c.
} Thos McDonogh Esqr his Grant }

To all to whom these Presents shall Come. Greeting.

Know Ye, that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due Encouragement of Settling & Cultivating our Lands within our Province of New Hampshire by and with the Advice of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esqr Our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province and of our Council of the same Have (upon the Conditions & Reservations herein particularly recited & expressed) given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our leige & loving Subject Thomas McDonogh of Portsmouth in our County of Rockingham and Province aforesaid Esquire, and to his Heirs & Assigns for Ever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing by Admeasurem[t] One Thousand Eight Hundred & Twenty Nine Acres of Land situate lying and being in our Province aforesaid as by a plan or Survey thereof (exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto Annexed) may more fully and at large Appear, butted & bounded as follows, Viz[t]. Beginning at a White Pine Tree being the North Easterly corner bound of a Tract of Land laid out for Dr Samuel Langdon, from thence running North Eight degrees East Three hundred & Sixty Six Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence North Eighty two degrees West Eight hundred Rods to a Stake, from thence South Eight Degrees West Three hundred and Sixty Six Rods to two Rock Maple Trees, being the North Westerly Corner bound of said Dr Langdon's Tract, from thence by said Langdon's Land South Eighty two degrees East Eight hundred Rods to the bound began at. To have and to hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the said Thomas McDonogh and to his heirs & Assigns for ever, upon the following Terms, Conditions & Reservations. Viz[t]—

First That the said Grantee shall cut, clear, bridge, & make passable for Carriages &c. a Road of Four Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed

or Order'd by the Governor *& Council aforesaid; which *4–112
Road shall be completed in Two Years from the date of such Order or Direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid, on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors.

SECONDLY. That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be Settled Three Families in Five Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle & Cultivate the same.

THIRDLY That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, & none to be cut or fell'd without our Special Licence for so doing first had & obtained, upon Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his Heirs & Assigns to us our Heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

[FOURTH.] That any part of the said Tract appearing to be well adapted to the growth of Hemp or Flax, the said Grantee shall sow & continue Annually to cultivate a due proportion of the said Tract, not less than Five acres in every Hundred Acres with that beneficial Article of Produce.

FIFTH That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall Yield & pay unto us our Heirs and Successors Yearly and every year for Ever from & after the Expiration of Ten Years from the date of this Grant ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so Owns, Settles or Possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same And these to be in lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq[r] our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Second day of July in the Twelfth Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J' Wentworth.

By his Excell[cy's] Command }
with Advice of Council. }
Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]

*4–113 *Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal, this 26th day of August 1772.
Attest[r] Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]

[GRANT TO SHERBURNE, SHERBURNE, AND KNIGHT, 1772.]

*4–117 *Province of New Hampshire.

{ Mess[s] Sherburnes & Knight's Grant. }

{ P S } L. S.

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland KING Defender of the Faith, &c.

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come Greeting.

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge & mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling & cultivating our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Gov[r] & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire & of our COUNCIL of the same HAVE upon the Conditions & Reservations herein particularly recited & expressed) given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant in Equal Shares unto our leige and loving Subjects DANIEL SHERBURNE, SAMUEL SHERBURNE and TEMPLE KNIGHT all of Portsm[o] in the County of Rockingham & Province aforesaid, Merchants, & to their respective Heirs & Assigns for Ever, a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, situate, lying & being in our said Province, containing by Admeasurement Two THOUSAND Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven Acres, being about Fifty Acres each to the number in the Familes of the said Grantees, exclusive of, and out of which an Allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains and Waters, Seven Hundred & Eighty Seven Acres free, according to a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surv[r] General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted & bounded as follows, Viz[t]. Beginning at a Beech Tree, being the North Easterly corner bound of a Tract of Land granted to Thomas McDonogh Esq[r] & running North Eight Degrees East on the East Boundary Line of our said Province, Two Miles and Two hundred & Fifty

Two Rods to a Beech Tree being the South Easterly corner bounds of a Tract of Land granted to Samuel Gilman, from thence running North Eighty Two degrees West One Mile & One Hundred & Eighty Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence South Eight degrees West Two Miles & Two hundred & fifty two Rods to a Rock Maple Tree, from thence South Eighty Two degrees East One Mile & One hundred & Eighty Rods to the bound began at.—To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above *expressed to them the said grantees & to their *4–118 Heirs & Assigns for Ever, upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations Viz^{t}.

FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut clear bridge and make passable for Carriages, &c. a Road of three Rods wide through the said Tract as shall be at any time hereafter directed or Order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in Two Years; from the date of such Order or Direction of the Gov^{r} & Council aforesaid, on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors.

SECOND. That the said Grantees shall Settle or cause to be Settled Three Families in Seven Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle & cultivate the same.

THIRD That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, & none to be cut or fell'd without our Special Licence for so doing first had & obtained, upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.—

FOURTHLY Yielding and Paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the First day of January 1780, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demended.

FIFTHLY That the said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns shall Yield & pay unto us our Heirs and Successors Yearly and every Year for Ever from & after the expiration of Ten Years from the date of this Grant ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns, Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor, Owner or Settler in our Council Chamb^{r} in Portsmouth or to such Officer or

Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same And these to be in lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed Witness John Went-
*4–119 worth *Esq^{r} our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Sixteenth day of July in the 12th Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J' Wentworth.

By his Excell^{cys} Command } with Advice of Council. }

Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this 27th day of August 1772.

Attest^{r} Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}.

[Taken from Vol. 5, p. 305–6.]

Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth 20th May 1772

These certify that this plan beginning at a Beech Tree being the Northeasterly corner bound of a tract of land laid out for Thomas McDonough Esq^{r} And running North Eight degrees East on the east boundary line of said Province as that runs Two Miles and two hundred & fifty two Rods to a Beech Tree being the Southeasterly corner bound of a tract of land granted to Samuel Gilman from thence running North Eighty two degres West one Mile and one hundred & eighty Rods to a Beech Tree from thence South Eight degrees west two Miles & two hundred & Fifty two rods to a Rock Maple tree, from thence South Eighty Two degrees East one mile & one hundred & Eighty rods to the Bound began at contains Two Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty Seven Acres & an half of Land. And is a true Copy of an Original plan or Survey of said Tract as taken and returned to me by Vere Royse D^{ty} S^{r}

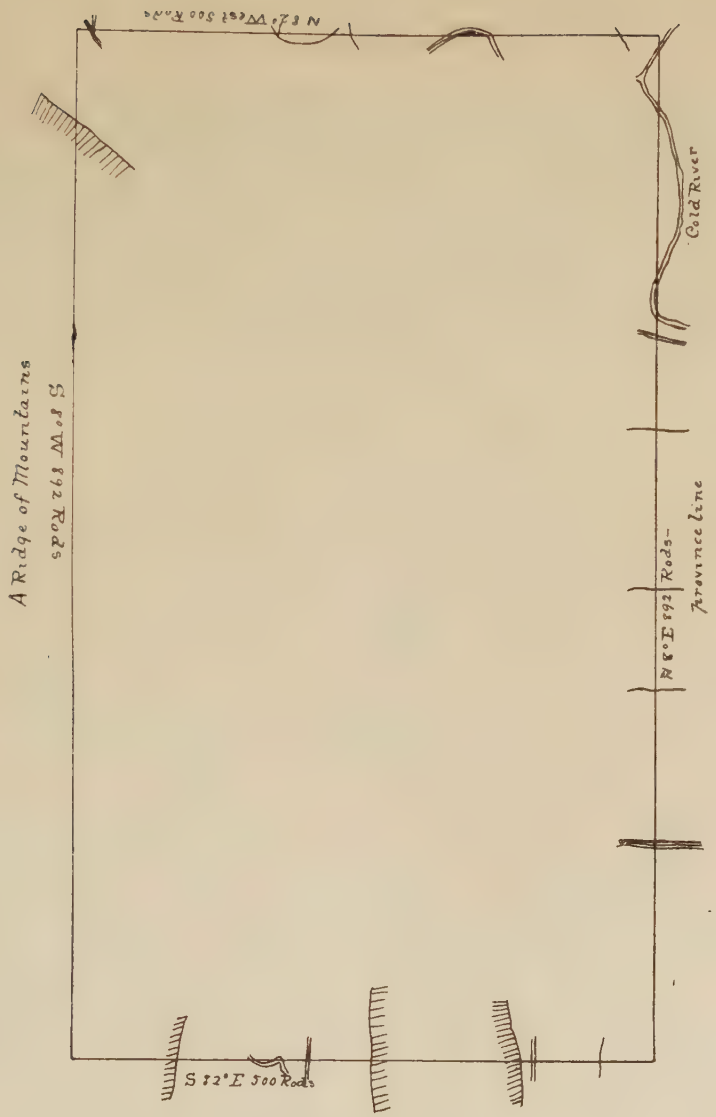
Attest Is Rindge S^{r} G^{l}

N. B. The Surveyor that laid out this land certifies that said tract contains no more than Two Thousand Acres of improvable land the remaining Seven hundred & Eighty Seven Acres & an half Acre are un-improveable Mountains & Swamps.

Attest. Is Rindge S^{r} G^{l}

Recorded according to the original

Attest E Thompson S^{cy}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S 8° W 892 Rods
Cold River
N 8° E 892 Rods
Province line
S 82° E 500 Rods

CHESTER.

[Granted as *Cheshire*, Aug. 26, 1720. Regranted May 8, 1722, to Capt. Henry Sherburne and others, and incorporated as Chester. Candia was set off and incorporated Dec. 15, 1763. Raymond was set off and incorporated May 9, 1764. A considerable portion was included in what is now Manchester. A portion of the town was combined with parts of Goffstown and Dunbarton, to make up the town of Hooksett, July 2, 1822. Auburn was set off and incorporated June 23, 1845.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 101; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 304; Index to Laws, 92; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 142; Facts Relating to, by Charles Bell, 7, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 341; sketch, by Benjamin Chase, 4, Granite Monthly, 139; History, by Benjamin Chase, 1869, pp. 702; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 27.]

[Chester Charter, 1722.]

Chester Charter

*1–37 *George by the grace of God of Great Brittain ffrance & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c^a^ To All People to Whom these Presents Shall Come Greeting

In loc Prov^e^ Sig

Know ye that we of our Special knowledge & mere motion for the Due Encouragem^t^ of Settling A New Plantation by & with the Advice & Consent of Our Council have given & granted and by these Presents as far as in us Lyes do give & Grant in Equal Shears unto Sund^ry^ of our beloved Subjects whose names Are Entred in A Schedule hereunto annexed that Inhabit or Shall Inhabit within the s^d^ Grant within our Province of New Hampshire All that Tract of Land within the following Bounds (Viz) to begin at Exeter South^ly^ Corner bounds & from thence run upon A West & by North Point Two Miles Along Kingstown Northerly Line to Kingstown North Corner bounds then upon A South Point three miles along Kingstown head line to Kingstown South Corner Bounds and from thence upon A West North West Point Ten Miles into the Country then to begin Again at the Afore S^d^ Exter South^ly^ Corner bounds & run Seven Miles upon Exeter head line upon A North East Point half a Point more Northerly Then fourteen Miles into the Country upon a West North West Point to the River Merrimack & from thence upon a Straight Line to the End of the afores^d^ Ten Mile Line And that the Same be A Town

Corporate by the name of Chester to the Persons afores^d^ forever To HAVE & TO HOLD the s^d^ Land to the grantees their heirs And Assignes forever and to Such Associates as they Shall Admit upon the following Conditions

1^st^ That every Proprietor build a Dwelling House within Three years and Settle a family therein and brake up three Acres of Ground and Plant or Sow the Same within four years and Pay his proportion of the Town Charges when & So often as occasion Shall require the Same—

2^dly^ That a Meeting House be built for the Publick Worship of *GOD within the Said Term of four years— *1-38

3^dly^ That upon the Default of any Perticular Proprietor in complying with the Conditions of this Charter upon his Part Such Delinquent Proprietor Shall forfeit his Share to the other Proprietors which Shall be Disposed of According to the Major Vote of the S^d^ Com'oners at a Legall Meeting—

4^ly^ That A Proprietors Share be reserved for a Parsonage another for the first minister of the Gospel Another for the benefit of the School Provided nevertheless that the Peace with the Indians Continue Duering the Afores^d^ Term of three years but if it Should So happen that A War with the Indians Should Comence before the Expiration of the Afores^d^ Term of Three years The afores^d^ Term of three years Shall be Allowed to the Proprietors after the Expiration of the War for the Performance of the afores^d^ Conditions rendring & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors or Such other officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to receive the Same the Annual Quit Rent or Acknowledgm^t^ of one Pound of good Merchantable Hemp in the s^d^ Town on the Twentyeth Day of December yearly for ever reserving alsoe unto us Our heirs & Successors all mast Trees Growing on S^d^ Land According to Act of Parliament in that behalf made & Provided and for the better order rule & Governm^t^ of the S^d^ Town we do by these Presents Grant for us our heirs & Successors unto the s^d^ men & Inhabitants or those that Shall Inhabit the Said Town That yearly & every year upon the Last Thursday in March for ever they Shall meet to Ellect & Chuse by the Major Part of them Constables Select men and all other Town Officers According to the Laws & usage of Our afores^d^ Province for the year insueing with Such Power Previledges & authoritys as other Town Officers within our afores^d^ Province have & Enjoy In Wittness whereof we have Caused the Seal of our S^d^ Province to be hereunto Annexed Wittness Sam^ll^ Shute Esq Our Governour & Comander in Chieffe of Our S^d^ Province at our Town

of Portsmouth the Eighth day of May in the Eighth year of Our Reigne Annoq Domini 1722

Sam[ll] Shute

*1–39 *By his Excelencys Comand with Advice of the Council

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A True Copy Rich[d] Waldron Sec[ry]

The above Copy was Entred & recorded the 10[th] Day of March 1746/7—

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]

A Schedule of the Proprietors names of the Town of Chester

Cap[t] Henry Sherburne	Benj[a] Gambling Esq	Tho[s] Phipps Esq
Cap[t] Josh[a] Peirce	Coll Peter Wear	Rev[d] Nath[ll] Rogers
Clem[t] Hughes	Cap[t] Tho[s] Peirce	Cap[t] Joseph Sherburne
Cap[t] Archibald M[c]pheadris	Eph[m] Dennet	Ben[g] Wentworth
Cap[t] Ebenez[r] Wentworth	Cap[t] Richard Kent	George Peirce
Eleaz[r] Russell	Jeh[a] Robie	Rev[d] Tho[s] Syms
Sam[ll] Shackford	John Shackford	W[m] White
Sam[ll] Ingalls	Michail Whidden	W[m] Rymes
Jethro Tilton	Amos Cass	James Perkins
Susanah Small	W[m] Halley	Zach[r] Clifford
Enoch Sanburne	Josiah Batcheldor	Sam[ll] Prescot
Nath[ll] Batcheldor jun[r]	Benony ffogg	Rich[d] Clifford
James ffogg	Ebenez[r] Eastman	Eben[r] Loverill
Robert Row	Philip Tole	W[m] Godfry
Ebenez[r] Dearbon	Benj[a] Tole	Edward Sanburn
Henry Works	Jere : Sanburn	Caleb Tole
Jon[a] Plumer	John Cram	John Prescut jun[r]
Abraham Brown	John Prescut Sen[r]	Joseph Batcheldor
1–40* John Pecker	John Silly	*Thomas Levit
Sam[ll] Page	Nath[ll] Sherburn	James Prescut
Nath[ll] Batcheldor Sen[r]	David Tilton	Jon[a] Emerson
Elisha Smith	Sam[ll] Smith	Jon[a] Dearbon
Abner Drake	Cap[t] Josh[a] Winget	Sam[ll] Blake
Jos : Sherburne	Ruben Sanburn	George Brownell
Benj[a] Sanburn	Benj[a] Smith	Cap[t] Jon[a] Sanburn
Jacob Garland Sen[r]	Moses Blake	Jacob Bassford
Stephen Sweat	Jon[a] Brown	Philem[n] Blake
Nath[ll] Drake	John Sanburn	Sam[ll] Maston jun[r]
W[m] Crosswent	Henry Sloper	Thomas Smith
Clem[t] Messerve	James Boid	Jos : Young

Jacob Gilman	Luther Morgan	Rich^{d} Hasleton
Tho^{s} Dean	Sam^{ll} Sherburne	Edward Gillman
Maj^{r} John Gilman	Sam^{ll} Shaw	John Calf
Steph^{n} Webster	Sam^{ll} Thompson	Jon^{a} Kimball
Tho^{s} Whiteing	Edward Emerson	Tho^{s} Silver
Jon^{a} Clough	John Littlehall	Eph^{m} Guile
W^{m} Daniel	Robert fford	John Jaquish
Rich^{d} Jaquish	Steph^{n} Johnson	Nath^{ll} Webster

James Fales, John Cutt, Benj^{a} Acreman } one Propri^{rs} share

Province of N Hamp^{r} May 10th 1722

His Excelency the Governour And the Hon^{ble} L^{t} Governour And Council Entred Associates with the within Persons (Viz) his Excelency a farm of 500 Acres & A home Lott The Leiu^{t} Govern^{r} the Same—

Sam^{ll} Penhallow Esq	A Prop^{r} Share	Rich^{d} Wibird Esq	Ditto
Mark Hunking Esq	ditto	Tho^{s} Packer Esq	Ditto
George Jaffrey Esq—	ditto	Tho^{s} Westbrook Esq	Ditto
Sha Walton Esq—	ditto		

True Copy

℔ Rich^{d} Waldron Sec^{ry}

Entred & recorded from the Copy this 10th March 1746/7

Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

CHESTERFIELD.

[This town was *Number* 1 in the line of towns on the east side of Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Dec. 31, 1735. Granted by New Hampshire, Feb. 11, 1752, to Josiah Willard and others. The charter was renewed June 11, 1760.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 120; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 325; Index to Laws, 93; sketch, by O. E. Randall, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 123; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 91; History, by O. E. Randall, 1882, pp. 525; Description, by L. G. Mead, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 277; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 8, 15; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 1848, p. 359; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 254.]

[CHESTERFIELD CHARTER, 1752.]

*1–87 *Province of New Hampshire

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GEORGE the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c[a]—

To all Persons to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting—

Chesterfield

See Page (226) an Alteration

KNOW YE that We of our Especial Grace certain Knowledge and mere motion for the due Encouragement of Settling A New Plantation within our Province By & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieff of our Said Province of New Hampshire in America & of our Council of the Said Province Have upon the Conditions & reservations hereafter made Given & Granted & by these Presents, for us our heirs & Successors do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto our Loveing Subjects Inhabitants of our Said Province of New Hampshire, & his Majesties other Governments & their heirs and assigns forever whose names Are Entred on this Grant to be Divided to & amoung them into Seventy Equal Shares all that Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our Province of New Hampshire Containing by Admeasurement Twenty three thousand *1–88 & forty Acres which Tract *is to Contain Six miles Square & no more out of which an Allowence is to be made for High ways & unimprovable Lands by Rocks Mountains Ponds & Rivers One thousend & forty Acres free According to a Plan thereof made & Presented by our S[d] Governors orders & hereunto Annexed Butted & Bounded as follows (Viz) Begining & adjoyning to A Stake & Stones near the Bank of Connecticut River which is the North Westerly Corner Bounds of A Place Called Wenchester thence running South Seventy Eight degrees East upon Wenchester Line afore Said till it meets with the Western Line of the Lower Ashuelot So called then carrying all the breadth of Land between the River of Connecticut afores[d] and the Said Ashuelot So far up Notherly as will make the Contents of Six miles Square bounding at this Extent by a Stake and Stones near the bank of the River & thence running South Seventy Eight degrees East till it meets with the Ashuelot aforesaid and that the Same be & is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Chesterfield and that the In-

habitants that do or Shall hereafter Inhabit S^d^ Township Are hereby Declared to be Enfranchized with, & Entitled to, all & every the Previledges & Immunities that other Towns within our Said Province by Law Exercize & Enjoy And further that the Said Town as Soon as there Shall be fifty families resident & Settled thereon Shall have the Liberty of holding two fairs one of which Shall be held on the And the Other on the Annually which fairs Are not to Continue & be held Longer than the respective Days following the s^d^ respective Days, and as Soon as the Said Town Shall Consist of fifty families A market Shall be opened & kept one or more days in each week as may be tho^t^ most Advantagious to the Inhabitants also that the first meeting for the Choice of Town officers Agreable to the Laws of our Said Province Shall be held on the first Wednesday in march next which meeting Shall be Notifyed by Josiah Willard Esq who is hereby also Appointed Moderator of the said first meeting which he is to Notify & Govern Agreable to the Laws & Customs of our Said Province And that the Annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of Such officers of Said Town Shall be on the first Wednesday in March Annually To HAVE & TO HOLD the s^d^ Tract of Land as above Expressed togeather with all the Previledges & Appurtenances to them & thier respective *Heirs And Assignes *1-89 for ever upon the following Conditions (Viz) that every Grantee his heirs or Assigns Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres Containd in his or thier Share or Proportion of Land in Said Township And Continue to Improve & Settle the Same by Additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant or Share in the Said Township and its reverting to his Majesty his heirs & Successors to be by him or them regranted to Such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same That All white & other Pine Trees within the Said Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully Preserved for that use & none to be cut or felld without his Majesties especial Lycence for So doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of Such Grantee his heirs or Assigns to us our heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of Any Act or Acts of Parliament that now Are or hereafter Shall be Enacted That before Any Divission of the Said Lands be made to & amoung the Grantees A Tract of Land as near the Center of the Township as thee Land will admit of Shall be reserved & Marked out for Town Lotts one

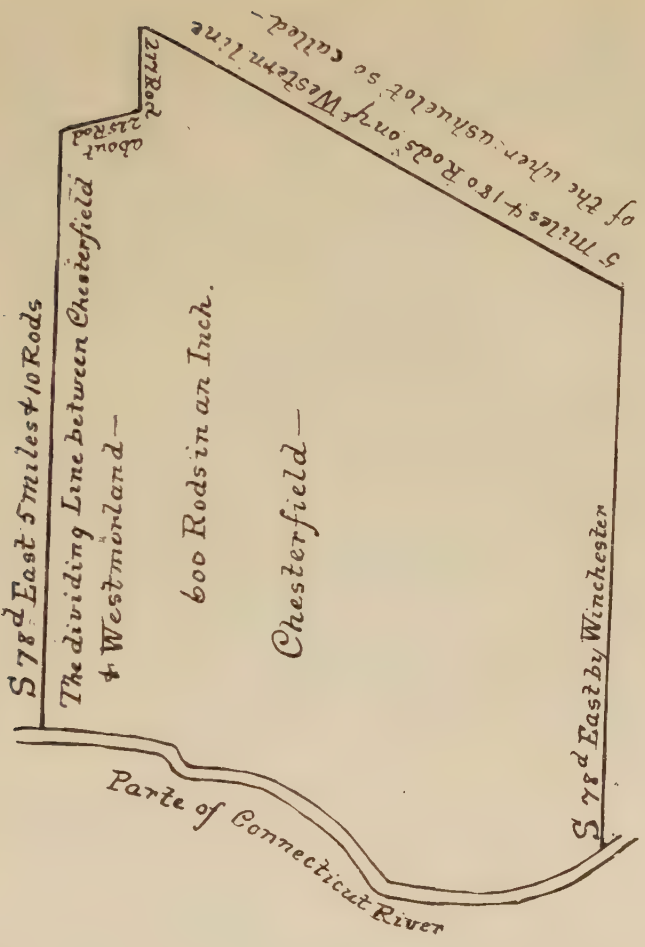
of which Shall be Allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre Yeilding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of Ten years to be Computed from the Date hereof the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only on the first day of January Annually if Lawfully Demanded the first Payment to be made on the first Day of Jan^{ry} after the Date hereof Every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant Shall Yield and Pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly & every year forever from & After the Expiration of the Ten years from the Date hereof namly on the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred & Sixty Two One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses And so in Proportion for A Greater of Lesser Tract of the S^{d} Land which money Shall be paid by the respective Persons above S^{d} thier heirs or Assigns In our Council Chamber in Portsm^{o} or to Such Officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to recieve the Same & this to be in Lieu of all other rents & Services whatsoever In Testimony hereof We have Caused the Seal of Our S^{d} Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'-ander in Chieff of our S^{d} Province the Eleventh of February in year of our Lord Christ 1752 & in the 25th year of our reign—

B Wentworth—

By his Excelencys Com'and
with Advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Se^{ry}

Entred & recorded According to the Original charter under the Prov^{e} Seal this 13th day Feb^{ry} 1752

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}


S 78d East 5 Miles & 10 Rods
The dividing Line between Chesterfield & Westmoreland —
about 215 Rods
600 Rods in an Inch.
Chesterfield —
5 Miles & 180 Rods on my Western Line of the Water Township so called —
S 78d East by Winchester
Parte of Connecticut River

*The Names of the Grantees of Chesterfield Viz— *1–90

Josiah Willard	Nathan Willard	Valentine Buttler
John Armes	John Armes junr	Oliver Buttler
Oliver Willard	Oliver Willard junr	Josiah Willard junr
Nathan Willard junr	Wilder Willard	John Moore
Willm Willard	Caleb Trobridge	William Lawrence
John Hunt	Simon Hunt	Jonathan Hubbard
Samuel Kennada	Solmon Willard	Billy Willard

Simon Cooley	Joseph Willard	Will[m] Deen
Simon Stone	Peter Oliver	David Hubbard
Thomas Pain	John Wheelwright	Nathaniel Wheelwright
Joseph Wheelwright	Jeremiah Wheelwright	Simon Willard
Benj[a] Lynd	John Spafford	Silas Spafford
Sam[ll] Davis	Phineas Wait	Joanna Wetherby
Elias Alexander	John Brooks	James Whitney
Abraham Kendel	Benj[a] French	Josiah Brown
Ebenez[r] Day	John French jun[r]	Sam[ll] Greeley
Will[m] Spalding	Moses Gould	Will[m] Down
Robert Fletcher	David Field	Sam[ll] Field
David Sterns	John Kendel	Daniel Kendell
	James Stootley	

His Excelency Benning Wentworth Esq one Tract of Land to Contain five hundred Acres, One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Partes, one whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in Said Town, one whole Share for A Glebe for the Ministry of the Church of England as by Law Established, Samuel Wentworth of Boston Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird Samuel Smith, John Downing Sampson Sheaffe Jn[o] Wentworth

Attest[r] Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]

Entred & recorded from the Back of the Charter for Chesterfield this 13[th] Day of Feb[ry] 1752—

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]

[Chesterfield Charter Renewed, 1760.]

*1–226 *Province of New Hampshire

Chesterfield Chart[r] Lengthned Out

{ P-Seal }

George the Second by the Grace of God of great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &[c]

To All People to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting

WhereasWe of our Special Grace & Mere Motion See Page (87) for the due encouragment & Settling of a New Plantation within our Province of New Hampshire by our Letters Patent or Charter under the Seal of our Said Province dated the Eleventh Day of Feb[ry] in the Twenty fifth Year of our reign

Granted a Tract of Land equal to Six Miles Square bounded as therein Expressed to A Number of our Loyal Subjects whose Names are Entered thereon to hold to them their Heirs and assigns on the Conditions therein declared to be A Town Corporate by the Name of Chesterfield as by referrence to said Charter may more fully Appear—

And Whereas the Said Grantees Have represented That by the intervention of an Indian Warr since the making the Said Grant it has been Impracticable to Comply with & fullfill the Conditions aforesaid & Humbly Supplycated as not to take advantage of the Breach of Said Conditions but to Lengthen out & Grant them some reasonable Term for the Performance thereof after the Said Impediment Shall Cease

Now Know Ye that We being Willing to Promote the End Proposed have of Our Farther Grace & favour Suspended our Claim of the forfeiture which the Said Grantees may have incurrd and by these Presents do grant unto the said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns the Term of one Year for Performing & fullfilling the Conditions Matters & things by them to be done—which term is to be renewd annually until his Maj^{tys} Plenary Instructions Shall be receivd relative to the Incident that has Prevented a Complyance with the Charter According to the True Intent & meaning thereof

In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of Our Said Province to be hereunto Affixed Witness Benning Wentworth Esq Our Govornour and Commander in Chieff the Eleventh Day of June in the 33^{d} Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1760—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and
with advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Province of New Hamp^{r}

Recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal the 12th Day of June 1760

Theodore Atkinson Se^{ry}

CHICHESTER.

[Granted, May 20, 1727, to Nathaniel Gookin and others, and named from an English town. Pittsfield was set off and incorporated March 27, 1782.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 123; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 352; Index to Laws, 93; sketch, by D. T. Brown, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 235; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 7, 9; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 362; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375.]

[CHICHESTER CHARTER, 1727.]

*1–3 *GEORGE by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France, and Ireland, King Defender of the faith &c[a]

{ PROV[e] SEAL } TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents Shall Come Greeting—

KNOW YEE that we of our Special Knowledge and mere motion for the Due Encouragement of Chichester Settling a New Plantation By & with the advice & Consent of Our Council Have given granted And by these presents as far as in us Lyes, do give & Grant in Equal Shears unto Sundry of our beloved Subjects whose names are Entred in A Schedule hereunto Annexed that Inhabit or Shall Inhabit within the S[d] Grant within our Province of New Hampshire, all That Tract of Land within the following Bounds Viz—to begin on the South West Side of the Town of Barnstead and from thence running South Westerly on the head of the town of Nottingham untill Eight miles be *1–4 Accomplished And *Then North West Eight miles, Then North East Eight Miles Then South East by the S[d] Town of Barnstead to the place where it first began & that the Same be A Town Corporate by the name of Chichester to the Persons afores[d] forever TO HAVE & TO HOLD the s[d] Land to the S[d] Grantees & their heirs And Assignes forever and to Such associates as they shall admit, upon the ffollowing Conditions (1) That the Proprietors within three years build or Cause to be built Sixty Dwelling Houses & Settle families in the Same & Clear Three Acres of Ground fit for Planting or mowing & that Each Proprietor pay his Proportion of the Town Charges when & So often as Occasion Shall require the Same—

2dly That A meeting house be built for the Publick Worship of God within the term of four years—

3) That upon Default of any Perticular Proprietor in Complying with the Conditions of this Charter upon his part, Such Delinquent Proprietor Shall forfiet his Shear of the Sd Land to the Other Proprietors which Shall be Disposed off According to the Majr Vote of the Sd Proprietors At A Legal Meeting—

4) That A Proprietors Shear be reserved for a Parsonage and another for the first Minister of the Gospell that Shall be there Settled & ordained And Another Proprietors Shear for the Bennifit of A School in sd Town—

Provided nevertheless that the Peace with the Indians Continue for the Space of Three years but if it Should Happen that A War with the Indians Should Com'ence before the Expiration of the afore Sd Tearm of Three Years That then the Sd Tearm of three years Shall be Allowed the Proprietors after the Expiration of the War for the Performance of the afore Sd Conditions, rendring & paying therefor to us our heirs and Successors, or Such officer or officers as Shall be appointed to recieve the Same *The *1–5 Annual Quit rent or Acknowledgement of One pound of Hemp in the Sd Town on the Last Wednesday in March Yearly forever (if Demanded) reserving alsoe unto us our heirs & Successors all mast Trees growing on on Sd Tract of Land, According to Acts of Parliament in that Case made & Provided And for the better order rule & Governmt of the Sd Town: We do by these Presents for our Selves our heirs and Successors Grant unto the Sd men & Inhabitants, or those that Shall Inhabit Sd Town That yearly & Every year upon the Second Wednesday in March forever Shall meet to Ellect & Chuse by the Major part of the Proprietors then Present Constables, Selectmen, & other Town officers According to the Laws & usages of our aforesd Province with Power Previleges & Authority as other Town officers with our affores[d] Province have & Enjoy: & for the Notifying & Calling the first Town meeting we do hereby appoint Peter Wear Esq John Sanburn & Jacob ffrees to be the first Selectmen & they to Continue in Sd respective office as Selectmen untill the Second Wednesday in the month of March which will be in the year of Our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & Twenty Eight & untill other Select men Shall be Chosen & Appointed in their Steed in Such manner as is in these Presents Expressed In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our Sd Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq our Leiutenant Governor & Comander

in Chieff in & over our s[d] Province at our Town of Portsmouth in our s[d] Province of New Hampshire the Twenteth day of may in the Thirteenth year of Our reigne Anno Domini 1727

J Wentworth

By order of his Hon[r] the L[t] Gov[r]
with advice of the Council
R Waldron Cler Con

A Schedule of the Proprietors of the Town of Chichester

Natha[ll] Googins	John Odlin	Christ[o] Page
Peter Wear Jun[r]	Eadward West	Nath[ll] Heally
Jabez Smith	Josiah Batchelor	Jon[a] ffifield
Pain Wingat	Nich[o] Gillman	Natha[ll] Lock
*1–6 *William Stanford	Shuball Sanburn	John Webster
Benj[a] Thomas	Joseph Taylor	Samuel Marston
Mathias Plant	Jonathan Garland	Jacob ffrees Jun[r]
Benj[a] Sanburne	Daniel Wear	John Prescot
Minister Whipple	Joshua Wingate	Nath[ll] Wear
John Sherburn	John ffilbrook	Benj[a] Perkins
Charles Steward	Charles Tredwell	Nath[ll] Longfellow
John Sweat	Moses Blake	Jacob ffrees
Abra[m] Drake	John Readman Jun[r]	Natha[ll] Drake
Samuel Thing	Thomas Webster	Bar[t] Thing
Sam[ll] Gillman	Peter Gillman	James Levit
Joseph Dearborn	John Robinson	Benj[a] Lampreve
Josiah Moulton	John Batchelor	Sam[ll] Palmer Jun[r]
Bezaleel Tappan	Jarvis Ring	Cap[t] Currier
Cypryan Jaffry	Benning Wentworth	Hunking Wentworth
John Wentworth	W[m] Wentworth	Jerem : Sanburn
Jethro Tillton	John Cram	Broadstreet Wiggin
Stephen Sanburn	Benj[a] Cram	Rich[d] Wibird Jun[r]
George Jaffrey Jun[r]	Richard Waldron Jun[r]	Benj[a] Gamblin
Ebenez[r] Wear	Thomas Peirce	Wintrop Hillton
Joseph Readman	James Jeffry Jun[r]	John Readman
Thomas Cram	John Derburn Jun[r]	Henry Rust
Jon[a] Cushing	John Broadstreet	Hezekiah Jennes
John Jenness	John Gerrish :B :son	Peter Wear Esq
John Plaisted	James Davis	John Gillman Esq
Andrew Wiggins	Cap[t] John Gillman	John Downing
W[m] ffellows	Sam[ll] Tibits	M[r] Eph Dennet
Theodore Atkinson	Ebenez[r] Stevens	Cap[t] Paul Gerrish
Richard Jennes	James Jeffry	John Sandburn

George ffrost Wilem Odiorne Wm Pepperrell Junr
Joseph ffrost John Took Junr

Addmitted Associates his Excelency & Honr — Samuel Shute Esq John Wentworth Esq Each of them 500 Acres & a home Lot— Coll Mark Hunking Coll Shadh Walton George Jaffrey Richd Wibird Coll Thos Westbrook Archd Mcpheadris John ffrost Jonathan Odiorne Esqrs

Each a Proprietors Shear

Chichester Schedule Certifyed—

℔ R Waldron cler Con

Entred & Recorded According to the Original this 25th Day of November 1742

Theodore Atkinson Secry

CLAREMONT.

[Granted Oct. 26, 1764, to Josiah Willard and others, and named from the country seat of Sir Robert Clive. The Governor's reservation in the southwest corner was granted by him to Col. Joseph Wait Feb. 12, 1772.

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 363; Index to Laws, 105; sketch, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 40; History, by O. F. R. Waite, in preparation; sketch, by J. N. McClintock, 3, Granite Monthly, 173; Early History, by O. F. R. Waite, 14, Granite Monthly, 112; same, in pamphlet, 1893; The Tories of 1766 and 1776, by F. A. Briggs, 4, Granite Monthly, 173; By the Beautiful Mountain, sketch, by G. H. Moses, 16, *id*, 103; War History, by O. F. R. Waite, 1868, pp. 300; Dedication of Soldiers' Monument, 1869, pp. 48; Industries, by Simeon Ide, 1879, pp. 36; Batchelder's History of the Eastern Diocese, P. E. Church, 1876, p. 172; Centenary P. E. Church, 1871, pp. 19; Historical Sketch of the M. E. Church, by M. V. B. Knox, 1882, pp. 49; Rededication, sketch, by O. F. R. Waite, 1892; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 11, 18; History of the Catholic Church in America, by John G. Shea, 1890, vol. 3, pp. 119, 144, 465; Memoirs to Serve for the Future Ecclesiastical History of the Diocese of Boston, by Bishop Fenwick; Catholic Memoirs of N. H. and Vt., by Bishop DeGoesbriand, 1886, p. 24; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 428; Manuals of Congregationalists, Baptists, and Universalists; Centennial of Union Church, 1871; Historical Sketches by C. B. Spofford, pp. 16; Revolutionary Soldiers of Claremont, by same, in press; Grantees of Claremont, pp. 23, (also 15, Granite Monthly, 206, 241, 282, 318,) and Chronological List of Town Officers, etc., 1767–1893, pp. 15, comp. by same, 1893; Monograph of Union Mark Lodge, by same, 1891, pp. 26; History of Sullivan Lodge, by same, 1891; Col. Samuel Ashley, by same, 1892.]

[Claremont Charter, 1764.]

*3–130 *Province of New-Hampshire.

Claremont

GEORGE, The Third, By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know Ye, that We, of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our Council of the said Province; Have upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy five equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement Twenty four Thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to contain about Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at a Marked Tree standing on the Easterly Bank of Connecticut River which is the North Westerly Corner Bounds of Charlestown from thence runing South Seventy Eight Degrees Easterly about Six Miles & one half Mile to the South Westerly Angle of Newport from thence turning off & runing North Eight Degrees Easterly about five Miles & Seven Eights of a Mile by Newport aforesaid to the South Easterly Angle of Cornish then turning off again & runing North Seventy Seven Degrees Westerly about Six Miles by Cornish afore Said to Connecticut River afores^{d} thence down the s^{d} river as that runs to the Bounds began at togeather with the Islands Lying in the Said River opposite to the Premisses—

And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Claremont And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened and *3-131 kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday in March Next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Samuel Ashley who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant or cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*, 1764

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1774 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Twenty Sixth Day of October In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Four And in the Fifth Year of Our Reign.—

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command
With Advice of COUNCIL,
Theod^r Atkinson Jun^r Sec^ry

Province of New Hamp^r this 10^th Jan^ry 1765
Recorded according to the original Patent under the Province Seal

℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec^ry

*3–132 *The Names of the Grantees of Claremont (Viz—)

Josiah Willard Esq	Samuel Ashley	Jeremiah Hall
Josiah Willard Jun^r	Tho^s Frink	John Ellis
Sampson Willard	Abraham Scott	Henry Foster

Solomon Willard	Jonathan Hammond	William Heaton
Printice Willard	Joseph Hammond	Will^{m} Grimes
Jonathan Willard	Samuel Ashley Jun^{r}	James Scott
Sam^{ll} Scott	Oliver Ashley	Abijah Willard
Micha Lawrence	Abell Lawrence	Lemuel Hodge
Clement Sumner	Abel Willard	Michael Medcalf
Ephraim Dorman	Joseph Lord	William Willard
Jerahmael Powers	John Armes	David Field
John Hawkes	Samuel Field	Henry Bond
Simeon Chamberlain	Elijah Alexander	Ebenezer Dodge
John Cass	Joshua Hide	Nathaniel Heaton
Gideon Ellis	Joseph Ellis	John Grimes
Joseph Cass	John Scott	William Richardson
John Peirce	Tho^{s} Lee	Stephen Putnam
Timothy Taylor	Benjamin Freeman	Oliver Farwell
John Searle	Oliver Farwell Jun^{r}	Ephraim Addams
Phineas Wait	Samuel Wells	John Hunt
William Smeed	Coll John Goffe Esq	Dan^{ll} Jones Esq

The Hon^{ble} John Temple Esq Theodore Atkinson Esq M^{k} Hunk^{g} Wentworth Esq Theod^{r} Atkinson Jun^{r} Esq Coll W^{m} Symes Simon Davis—

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked B– W– in the Plan and also a Small Island Lying in the river opposite to the Said five Hundred Acres which are to be accounted two of the within Shares—One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts—one whole Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established—one Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel—and one Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town forever

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal this 10th Jan^{ry} 1765

℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec^{ry}

Copy'd of the Plan taken from the Back of the Original Charter of Claremont under the Pro^v Seal Jan^y 10^th 1765

℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec^y

[GRANT TO JOSEPH WAIT, 1772.]

*1-414 *Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c.

{ L. S. } TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come GREETING.

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain Knowledge & mere Motion for the due encouragement of

settling & cultivating our Lands within our Province aforesaid by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^r our Gov^r & Commander in Chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire & of our COUNCIL of the same Have (upon the Conditions & Reservations herein particularly recited & express'd) given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give & grant unto our leige and loving subject JOSEPH WAIT of Windsor in the County of Cumberland and Province of New York Esquire and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing by Admeasurement FIVE HUNDRED Acres situate lying & being in our said Province, as by a Plan or Survey thereof (exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is here unto annexed) may more fully & at large appear, Butted & bounded as follows Viz^t Beginning at a Stake & Stones on the bank of Connecticut River, being the Southwesterly Corner Bounds of Claremont, from thence running South 78 Degrees East 458 Rods to a Stake, from thence North 12 Degrees East 200 Rods to a Stake, from thence North 78 Degrees West 342 Rods to a Butternut Tree standing on the bank of Connecticut River aforesaid, from thence down the River as that tends to the Bounds first mentioned. Also, Three Islands in Connecticut River aforesaid, near the Premises, containing in the whole Twenty Acres two Roods & Thirty four Perches, which will more fully appear by the Plan annexed, referrence thereto being had. *TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above *1-415 Described Premises as above expressed to him the said JOSEPH WAIT and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations Viz^t

FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make passable for Carriages &c. a Road of Three Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or Order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid; which Road shall be completed in One Year from the Date of such order or Direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid; on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors.—

SECOND That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be Settled Two Families in Two Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them ent^d upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.—

THIRD That all white & other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use & none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained, upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the Premises his Heirs & assigns to us our Heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTH Yielding & paying therefor to us our Heirs & Successors on or before the 25th day of December 1773, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

FIFTH That the said Grantee his Heirs and assigns shall yield & pay unto our Heirs and Successors yearly & every year for Ever from & after the expira of Two Years from the date of this Grant ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so Owns Settles or Possesses & so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesd which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chambr in Portsmo or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same: And these to be in lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever. IN TESTIMONY wherof we have Caused the Seal of our said Provce to be hereunto affixd Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esqr our aforesd Govr & Commandr in Chief the 13th day of Febv in the 12th year of Our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J' Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command
with advice of Council.

Thedore Atkinson Secty

Recorded according to the Origl Grant under the Provce Seal this 13. Febv 1772

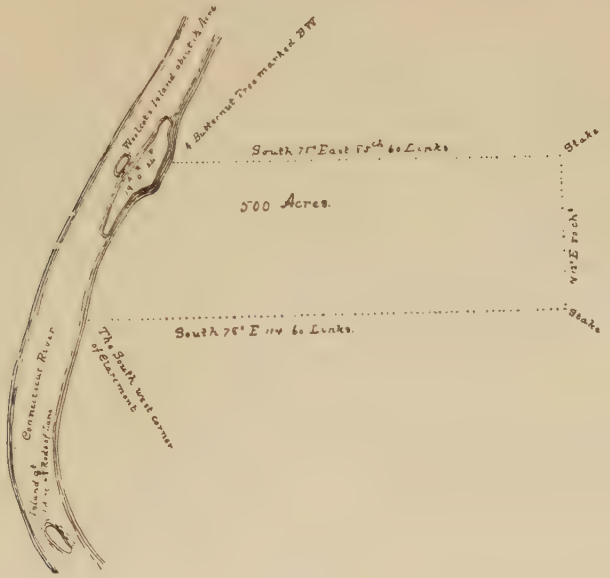
Attestr

Province of New Hampshire 12th February 1772.

These may Certify that this Plan Beginning at a stake & Stones on the bank of Connecticut River being the South westerly Corner Bounds of Claremont, from thence running South 78° E. 458 Rods from thence North 12° E. 200 Rods to a Stake, from thence N. 78° W. 342 Rods to a Butternut Tree, standing on the bank of Connect River aforesaid, from thence down the River as that tends to the Bound first mentioned, Contains 500 Acres of Land And the 3 Islands represented by said Plan lying in Cont River aforesaid contain 20 Acres & an Half & 34 Rods of Land & is a True Copy

of said Tract & Islands as taken & returned to me by M^r Benjamin Sumner D^y Survey^r

attest: Is. Rindge Surv. Gen^l



CLARKSVILLE.

[Formerly known as *Dartmouth College Grant*. Incorporated as Clarksville, June 30, 1853, and named in honor of Benjamin Clark.

See Index to Laws, 108; sketch, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 689; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 604.]

[Grant to Dartmouth College, 1792.]

*State of New Hampshire. *4–255

L. S.

To all People to whom these presents shall come —Greeting—

Whereas the Legislature on the Fifth day of February A. D. 1789, passed an Act for the motives & considerations mentioned in the preamble of the same, granting a tract of land equal in quantity to eight miles square to the Trustees

of Dartmouth College, their Successors & Assigns for the use & benefit of said College forever, and making it the duty of the Surveyor General who shall be appointed to locate the same in one parcel or body bounding on Connecticutt River & Stuart Town in the Northerly part of the State as nearly in a square of eight miles as may be to the approbation of the said Trustees provided said Location shall not interfere with any tract of land heretofore granted by the Government of New Hampshire, and directing and empowering the President of the State for the time being with advice of Council to give a charter of the same under the seal of the State when so located to said Trustees, their heirs and assigns forever, and a survey of the aforesaid tract having been made, and by a vote of the Legislature passed the sixteenth day of January A D 1790 approved and accepted; Therefore KNOW YE that pursuant to the above recited Act, We do give and grant unto the said Trustees, their Successors and Assigns for the use and benefit of said College, all that tract of land lying in the northerly part of the said State, beginning at the northwesterly bound of Stuart Town at a maple tree on the South East bank of Connecticut River marked S N W corner 1770 thence on said Stuart line eight miles & two hundred rods to the back line thereof thence the same course five miles & two hundred & eight rods to a stake & stones, thence turning North twenty
*4-256 degrees East four miles & one half to a Fir tree marked *M. 4. 1789, thence North seventy degrees West five miles and two hundred & forty rods to a Fir tree marked N. W. corner J. W. J E standing on the bank of Connecticut River, thence down said River to the first mentioned Bounds; containing forty thousand, nine hundred and sixty Acres: To Have and to Hold the said described and granted premises to them the said Trustees, their Successors & Assigns for the use and benefit of said College forever, and the same shall be exempt from all public Taxes so long as it shall remain the property of said College.—

In Testimony whereof, We have caused the Seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed: Witness Josiah Bartlett Esquire President of our said State the twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred & ninety two and in the sixteenth Year of American Independence

Josiah Barttlett

By His Excellency's Command
with advice of Council

Joseph Pearson Secy

Recorded according to the original Charter under the State Seal Feb^{y} 29th 1792.

℔ Joseph Pearson Sec^{y}

COLEBROOK.

[Granted as *Dryden*, June 26, 1762, to Samuel Averill and others. Regranted Dec. 1, 1770, to Sir George Colebrooke, Sir James Cockburne, and John Stewart, Esq., of London, Eng., and John Nelson, Esq., of Grenada, West Indies. Called *Colebrook Town* in honor of Sir George Colebrooke, and occasionally *Colburn*. Incorporated as Colebrook June 11, 1796.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 385; Index to Laws, 113; sketch, by J. H. Dudley, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 583; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 601; History of the White Mountains, by Lucy Crawford, 1845, chap. 1; Town of Colburne, 17, N. E. Hist. Register, 105, 372.]

[Dryden Charter, 1762.]

*Province of New-Hampshire. *2–369

Dryden

P S

GEORGE, the Third,

By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New Hampshire, in *New-England*, and of our Council of the said Province; Have upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement Twen-

ty Three Thousand & Forty *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at a Tree Marked standing on the Easterly side of Connecticut River at a Place called the upper Coös & is the North Westerly corner Bound of Preston, thence runing up North Easterly as the said River trends, untill the Contents of six Miles upon a Streight Line be Accomplished thence carrying That bredth of six Miles back South Easterly so far as that a Parralell Line with the streight Line aforesaid will make the contents of Six Miles Square And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Dryden And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty *2-370 Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the first Thursday in August next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Mr Edward Burling who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting forever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for

every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever—

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Wittness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 26th Day of June In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thou-

sand Seven Hundred and Sixty two And in the Second Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command,
With Advice of Council,
T Atkinson Jun^{r} Sec^{ry}

Province of New Hamp^{r} June 26, 1762

Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal.

℔ T Atkinson Jun^{r} Sec^{ry}

*2–371 *The Names of the Grantees of Dryden (Viz)

Sam^{l} Averill	Timo^{y} M'Carthy	Jon^{a} Quinby
Sam^{l} Hungerford	Will^{m} Procktor	Jacob Underhill
Edw^{d} Burling	Carden Procktor	Joseph Farrington Jun^{r}
Elias Onjevine	Tho^{s} Miller	Uriah Field
Jacobus Bleecker	Christo^{r} Miller	John Cornnell
David Lespinard	Vinant Mathews Jun^{r}	Josiah Quinby
Dan^{l} Hawxhurst	Tho^{s} Matthews	Isaac Underhill
Will^{m} Ames	Peter Farmer	John Hallock
James Besley	John Gibbs	And^{w} Abrames
Henry Coutant	Benj^{a} Ferriss	Anthony Lispenard
James Fowler	Aaron Quimby	Rich^{d} Burling
Peter Huggeford	Josiah Quinby	Tho^{s} Marston
Tho^{s} Seymore Sen^{r}	Jos^{h} Cornnell	Leonard Lispenard
Tho^{s} Seymore Jun^{r}	Joseph Cornnell J^{r}	Anth^{y} Abrames
David Mathews	Drake Palmer	Hon : John Temple Esq
John Beckman	Aaron Palmer	L^{t} G.
Henry Van Vleck	Nathan Palmer	Theo^{re} Atkinson Esq
Cornelius Cuyper	Benj^{a} Cornell	Mark H^{g} Wentworth Esq
James Beckman Jun^{r}	Jacob Deyckman	& John Nelson Esq—
John Beckman	John Abeel	
Gerandus Beckman	James Abeel	
Tho^{s} Beckman	Gerril Abeel	
Theo^{lis} Beckman	Edw^{d} Burling Jun^{r}	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked B–W– in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares, one whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, one Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established, one Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel & one Share for the benefit of a School in s^{d} Town

Province of New Hamp^{r} June 26 1762
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℔ T Atkinson Jun^{r} Sec^{ry}

[Colebrooke-Town Charter, 1770.]

*Province of New Hampshire (Colebrooke Town) } George the Third by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the Faith &c^{a} *4–42

To all People to whom these Presents shall come. Greeting

Know ye that we of our special grace certain knowledge &

meer motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England by and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: our Governor and Commander in Chief in & over our said Province of New Hampshire, and of our Council of the same, Have upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made given and granted and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our leige and loving Subjects Sir George Colebrooke Baronet, Sir James Cockburne Baronet both of London in our Kingdom of Great Britain, John Stuart Esq: of London aforesaid Merchant and John Nelson Esq: of our Island of Granada in the West Indies Merchant who have made application to us for the same setting forth their readiness to enter upon and improve the Premises immediately and to the respective heirs and Assigns of the said Grantees for Ever to be equally divided to and amongst them A certain tract or parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire containing Six miles square and is by admeasurement Twenty three Thousand and Forty Acres being about Fifty Acres Each to the number in the respective Families of the said Grantees (exclusive of, and) out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains and Waters One thousand and Forty Acres free according to a Plan thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Land for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, Butted and Bounded as follows Videlicet Beginning at the South Westerly Corner of Stuart Town on the Easterly bank of Connecticut River and running South seventy degrees East on the Southerly line of said Town to the South Easterly corner thereof, from thence South Twenty degrees West Two Miles & Two Hundred and Twenty seven Rods, from thence South Seventy degrees West One mile and ninety Eight Rods, from thence
*4-43 *South Twenty degrees West One hundred and Fifty Rods from thence North Seventy degrees West to Connecticut River aforesaid, from thence up said River as that tends to the South Westerly corner of Stuart Town first mentioned. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above Expressed together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them the said Sir James Cockburne, Sir George Colebrooke, John Stuart and John Nelson and to their respective heirs and Assigns for Ever by the Name of Colebrooke Town, upon the following Terms Videlicet—

First That the said Grantees at their own cost shall cut, clear, bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of Five rods wide through the said Tract hereby granted, which said Road shall be completed in Two Years from the date of this Grant, on failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them reenter'd upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects.

Second That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Fifteen Families by the First day of January 1772, who shall be actually cultivating some part of the said Land and resident on the same, and to continue making further and additional Improvement Cultivation and Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually settled thereon Sixty Families by the First day of January 1780 on penalty of the forfeiture of any and every delinquent's Share and of such Share or Shares reverting to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them Enter'd upon and regranted to such of our subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

Third That all white and other Pine Trees being and growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and that none be cut or felled without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained, upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his heirs and Assigns to us our heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted.

Fourth That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the centre of the said Township as the land will admit of shall be reserved and mark'd out for Town Lots one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of Four Acres.

Fifth Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and Successors *on or before the first day of January 1780, the Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demanded. *4–44

Sixth. That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our heirs and Successors yearly and every year for Ever from and after the expiration of one Year from the above-said First day of January, namely on the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ 1781. One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the

said Land, which money shall be paid by the respective Persons aforesaid their Heirs or Assigns in our Council chamber in Portsm° or to such officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and these to be in lieu of all other Rents and services whatsoever.—

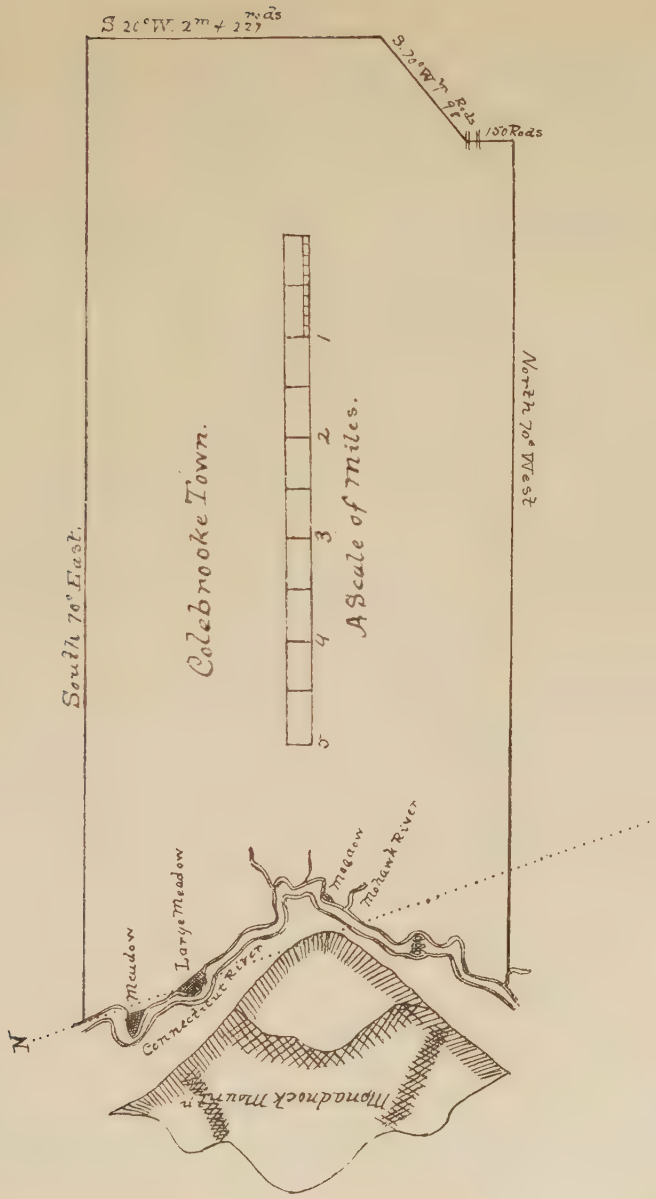
In Testimony whereof, we have caused the Seal of our said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Witness our Governor and Commander in Chief aforesaid the 1st day of december in the year of our Lord Christ 1770 and in the Eleventh year of our Reign.

By his Excell^cy's Command with Advice of Council } J' { L. s. } Wentworth.

Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry

Enter'd and Recorded according to the Original under the Prov. Seal the 10th Dec^r 1770

Attest^r Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry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North 70° West
South 70° East
Colebrooke Town.
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Large Meadow
Connecticut River
Meadow
Mohawk River
Monadnock Mountain
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COLUMBIA.

[Granted as *Preston* June 26, 1762, to William Cock and others. Regranted Dec. 1, 1770, to the same grantees as was Colebrook, and named *Cockburne Town*, for Sir James Cockburne. Incorporated as *Cockburne* Dec. 16, 1797. The name was changed to Columbia June 19, 1811. Wales's Location was annexed Nov. 30, 1804.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 386; Index to Laws, 114; sketch, by W. B. Cone, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 721; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 602.]

[PRESTON CHARTER, 1762.]

*2–365 *Province of New-Hampshire.

Preston

P S—

GEORGE, THE THIRD,
By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW HAMPSHIRE, in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement Twenty Three Thousand & Forty *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at a Tree Marked Standing on the Easterly side of Connecticut River at a

Place called the upper Co'os & is the North Westerly Corner bound of Woodbury, thence runing up North Easterly as the said River tends till the Contents of Six Miles upon a Streight Line is Accomplish'd, thence carrying that bredth of Six Miles back South Easterly so far as that a Parralell Line with the Streight Line afores[d] will make the Contents of Six Miles Square And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Preston And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more Days in *2-366 each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the first Fryday in August next which said Meeting shall be Notified by M[r] Sam: Willis who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for

that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 176

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 177 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Comander in Chief of Our said Province, the 26th Day of June In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty two And in the Second Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,
With Advice of COUNCIL,

T: Atkinson junr Secry

Province of New Hampr June 26 1762

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T Atkinson Junr Secry

The Names of the Grantees of PRESTON (Viz) *2-367

Willm Cock	Willm Hopkins	Derrick Thornicraft
Saml Willis	Moses Doty	Michl Mudge
James Townsend	John Carpenter	Silas Smith
Zebn Seaman	Timo Townsend	Peter Demitt
Thos Willits	Thos Seaman Junr	Daniel Hopkins
Benja Townsend	Thos Pearsall	Saml Titus
Willits Kirbee	Israel Pearsall	Peter Vandewater
Thos Jackson	Obediah Seaman	Harmon Lifford
Jacob Kirbe	Benja Robbins	Giles Seaman
Willm Kirbe	Anemias Downing	Austen Seaman
David Seaman	Jacob Seearing	Jona Pratt
Richd Willitts	George Downing	Saml Hungeford
James Tripp	Daniel Coles	Saml Averill
Robt Seaman	Joseph Wood Junr	Adrian Hegeman
Willm Seaman	Benja Wolsey	Dr John Hale
Jacob Seaman	Rem Hagerman	Majr Josh Blanchard
Willm Mott	Isaac Seaman	Honble John Downing
Adam Mott	Richd Valentine Junr	Richd Wibird Esq [Esq
Stephn Mott	John Anderson	Danl Warner Esq
John Willis	Richd Kirk	& Josh Newmarch Esq
Richd Doty	Josh Thornicraft	
Jeremiah Robbins	Jonas Wood—	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq. a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked B–W– in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares, one whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Establish'd, one Share for the First Settled Minister of the Gospel & one Share for the benefit of a School in said Town

Province of New Hampr June 26 1762

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal

℔ T Atkinson Junr Secry

Province of New Hampshire June 26th 1762
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[Cockburne-Town Charter, 1770.]

*4-45 *Province of New Hampshire.

(Cockburne Town) George the Third by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c :—

To all People to whom these Presents shall come. Greeting.

Know ye that we of our special grace certain knowledge & mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England by and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esq : our Governor and Commander in Chief in and over

our said province of New Hampshire and of our Council of the same, Have upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made given and granted and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our leige and loving Subjects Sir James Cockburne Baronet, Sir George Colebrooke Baronet both of London in our Kingdom of Great Britain John Stuart Esq: of London aforesaid Merchant and John Nelson Esq: of our Island of Granada in the West Indies Merchant who have made application to us for the same setting forth their readiness to enter upon and improve the Premises immediately and to the respective heirs and Assigns of the said Grantees for Ever, to be equally divided to and amongst them A certain Tract or parcel of Land situate, lying & being within our said Province of New Hampshire containing Six miles square and is by admeasurement Twenty three Thousand & Forty Acres being about Fifty Acres Each to the number in the respective Families of the said Grantees (exclusive of, and) out of which an allowance is to be made for highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Mountains and Waters One thousand and forty Acres Free, according to a plan thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order and returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed Butted and Bounded as follows VIDELICET Beginning at an Elm Tree standing on the Easterly Bank of Connecticut River at the mouth of a stony Brook thence running East three miles and One hundred and thirty six Rods to a Maple Tree, from thence South seventy degrees East Six miles to a Fur Tree, from thence turning off at right angles and running North Twenty degrees East Three miles and Two hundred and Fifty two Rods, from thence turning off at right angles and running North seventy degrees West to the said Easterly bank of said River, from thence down said River as that runs till it comes to the Elm Tree first mentioned, being the Bounds began at. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above express'd together with all *Priviledges and Ap- *4-46
purtenances to them the said Sir James Cockburne, Sir George Colebrooke, John Stuart and John Nelson & to their Respective Heirs and Assigns for Ever by the Name of COCKBURNE TOWN upon the following Terms VIDELICET—

FIRST That the said Grantees at their own Cost shall cut, clear, bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of Five Rods wide through the said Tract hereby Granted, which said Road shall be completed in Two Years from the Date of this Grant,

on failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by [us] or them reenter'd upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects.

SECOND. That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Fifteen Families by the first day of January 1772, who shall be actually cultivating some part of the said Land and resident on the same and to continue making further and additional Improvement, Cultivation and settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually settled thereon Sixty Families by the first day of Jan^ry 1780, on penalty of the forfeiture of any and every Delinquents share and of such share or Shares reverting to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them Enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.—

THIRD That all white and other Pine Trees being and growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, and that none be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his heirs and Assigns to us our heirs and successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted.—

FOURTH That before any division of the Land be made to & among the Grantees a tract of Land as near the centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of y^e Contents of Four Acres.—

FIFTH Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and Successors on or before the first day of January 1780, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demanded.—

SIXTH That every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant shall yield & pay unto us our heirs and Successors yearly and every year for Ever from and after the expiration of one year from the above-
said First day of January namely on the first day of Jan-
*4-47 uary which *will be in the year of our Lord Christ 1781,
ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons aforesaid, their heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsm^o or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and these to be in lieu of all other Rents and services whatsoever.—

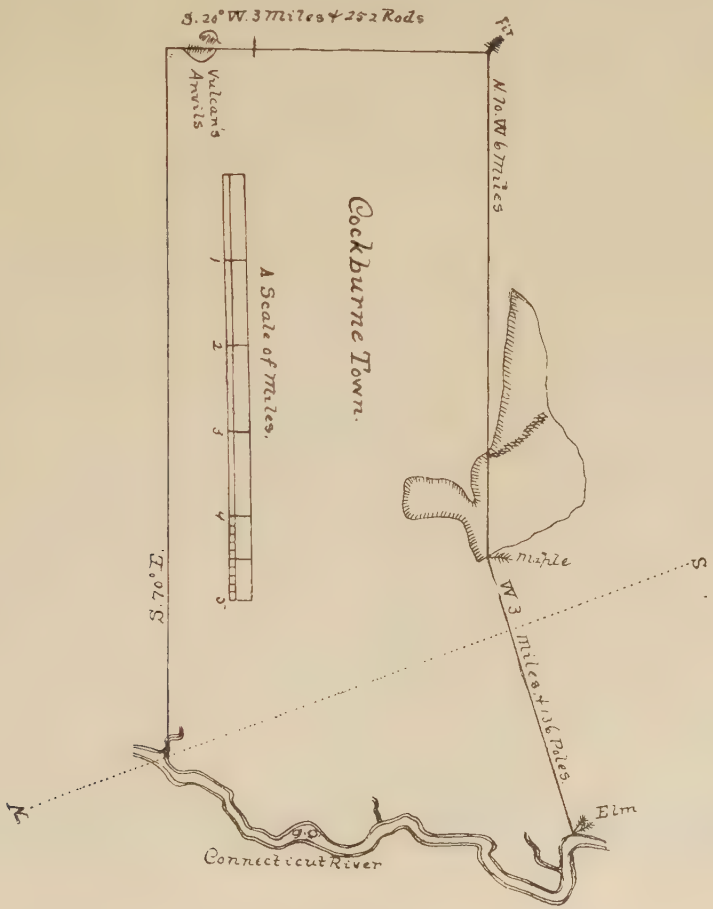
IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said

Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Witness GOVERNOR and Commander in chief aforesaid the 1st day of December in the year of our Lord Christ 1770 and in the Eleventh year of our Reign.—

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND with advice of Council } J' { L. S. } Wentworth.—
Theodore Atkinson Secry

Enter'd and Recorded according to the Original under the Province Seal the 10th Decr 1770

℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry



Province of New }
Hampshire } Portsmouth 1st December 1770

These Certify that this Plan of Cockburne Town Beginning at an Elm Tree standing on the Easterly banks of Connecticut River at the Mouth of a Stony Brook, thence running East 3 Miles & 136 Rods to a Maple Tree, from thence South 70 degrees East Six Miles to a Fir Tree, from thence turning off at Right Angles & rung North 20 degrees East 3 Miles & 252 Rods, from thence turning off at Right Angles & running North Seventy Degrees West, to the said Easterly bank of said River, from thence down said River as that runs 'till it comes to ye Elm Tree first mention'd, being the bounds began at, Contains 23040 Acres of Land & is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Township as taken and returned to me by Mr Benja Whiting Dy Surveyr

Attestr Is. Rindge S Gl

[Grant to Seth Wales and Others, 1773.]

*4–168 *Province of }
New Hampshire } George the third by the grace of
Seth Wales & al Grant God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &ca

{ P. S. }

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting Know ye that we of our special Grace certain knowledge & meer motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province by and with the advice of our trusty & well beloved John Wentworth Esquire our Governor & Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council of the said Province have upon the Conditions and reservations herein after made given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant in equal shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and our other Dominions who have petitioned us for the same setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement and to their Heirs & Assigns forever whose Names are entered on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into eighteen equal Shares all that Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire containing by admeasurement Five thousand eight hundred

& twenty *two Acres out of which an allowance is to be *4–169
made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks
Mountains and Waters of four hundred Acres free according to a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's order and returned into the Secretary's office of our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed butted and bounded as follows viz^t— Begining at the Northeast Corner of Woodbury so called at the Mouth of Brook runing into Connecticut River from thence runing North eight eight degrees East by said Woodbury six Miles from thence North fifteen degrees East Four hundred Rods to Cockburnetown from thence by said Cockburnetown North seventy degrees West three hundred and sixty Rods to a Maple Tree thence West by said Cockburnetown three miles one hundred and thirty six Rods to Connecticut River aforesaid from thence down said River as that tends to the bounds began at To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all Preveleges and Appurtenances to them and to their respective Heirs and Assigns forever upon the following Conditions viz^t

FIRST That the Grantees at their own Cost shall cut clear and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of four rods wide through the said Tract hereby granted as shall be at any time hereafter directed by our said Governor and Council which Road shall be compleated in one Year from the date of such directions in failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them reentered upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects

SECONDLY That all white pine and other pine Trees within the said Tract of Land fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use & none to be cut or felled without
our special Licence for so doing *first had and obtained *4–170
upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the
Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to Us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties of any Act or Acts of Parliament that are or hereafter shall be enacted

THIRDLY Yielding and paying therefor to Us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of January 1783 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

FOURTHLY That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly & every Year forever from & after the expiration of ten Years from the

date of this Grant one Shilling proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons above said their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same

Fifthly That this Grant shall not interfere with any of our Grants made as aforesaid and now in force nor interrupt the Grantees in their Improvements making thereon agreable to the Conditions thereof—

Sixthly That the Grantees shall cultivate & improve Ten Acres in every hundred in Flax and Hemp if the Land shall prove fit & useful for such employment

Seventhly That the Grantees shall further cultivate clear and improve three Acres in every fifty Acres in said Grant within five Years of this date—

Eighthly That there shall be settled and resident on this Grant Two Families within two Years of this date and six additional Families making eight Families upon this Grant at or before the first day of May which will be in the Year 1778. And these to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever—

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid
*4–171 Governor and Commander in chief the *fourth day of May in the thirteenth Year of our reign Annoque Domini 1773

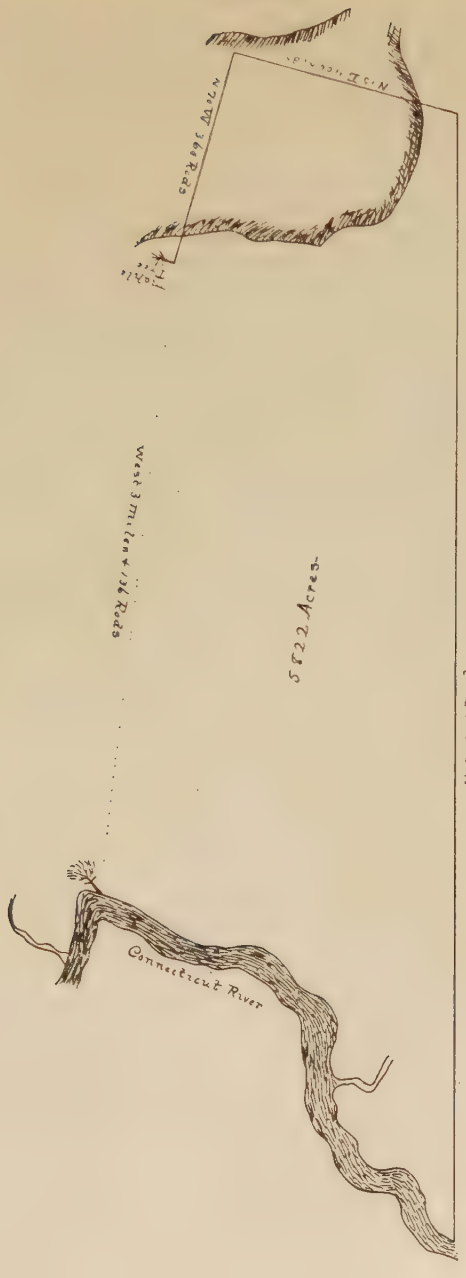
J Wentworth

Names of the Grantees

Joseph Trumbull Esq^{r}	David Larned
Nathaniel Wales jun^{r}	Abel Larned
Abijah Larned	Nathaniel Wales 3^{d}
Nathan Wales	Benjamin Larned
Simon Larned	Eleezer Rosbrook
Ebenezer Larned	Jeremiah Jackson
John Squier jun^{r}	Solomon Wales
Nath^{l} Wales 4th	Eleazer Wales jun^{r}
Eleazer Wales	Seth Wales

By his Excellencys command
with advice of Council.

Theodore Atkinson Sec^{y}


N 12 E 6 Miles
5722 Acres
Connecticut River

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this nineteenth day of August 1773—

Attest[r] Geo: King Dep[y] Sec[ry]

Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth twenty ninth April 1773

This certifys that this Plan beginning at the North east Corner of Woodbury so called at the Mouth of Brook runing into Con-
*4–173 necticut River from thence runing North eighty two *degrees East by said Woodbury six Miles from thence North fifteen degrees East four hundred Rods to Cockburne town from thence by said Cockburne town North Seventy degrees West three hundred & sixty Rods to a Maple Tree thence west by said Cockburnetown three Miles one hundred and sixty Rods to Connecticut River aforesaid from thence down said River as that tends to the Bounds began at contains Five thousand eight hundred and twenty two Acres and is known by the Surveys of said Woodbury Cockburnetown & Connecticut River—

Attest Is Ringe S G[l]

Copy examin'd by Geo: King Dep[y] Sec[y]

CONCORD.

[This territory, known as *Penacook*, was granted by Massachusetts, May 18, 1659, to Richard Waldron and others. Regranted by Massachusetts, Jan. 17, 1725–6, to Ebenezer Eastman and others. Incorporated by Massachusetts as *Rumford*, Feb. 27, 1733–4. Incorporated by New Hampshire as Concord, June 7, 1765. The grant of Bow by New Hampshire, May 20, 1727, conflicted with this grant, and the dispute was decided by the King in favor of *Rumford* Dec. 27, 1762. A gore of land was severed from Canterbury and Loudon and annexed to Concord, Jan. 2, 1784. Portions of Bow were annexed Dec. 13, 1804, and July 10, 1856. The State House was built in 1816 and remodeled in 1865. It was first occupied by the legislature in June, 1819. A city charter was granted July 6, 1849, but was not adopted until March 10, 1853.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 128; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 340; Index to Laws, 116; Historical Sketch, by J. B. Moore, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 153; Meteorological Tables, 1828–36, by J. Farmer, 5, *id.*, 261; Note on Penacook Indians, by same, 1, *id.*, 219; Penacook Papers, 3, *id.*, 212; History, by Nathaniel Bouton, 1856, pp. 786; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 57; The State House, by I. W. Hammond, *id.*, p. 406; Annals, by J. B. Moore, 1824, pp. 112; Diaries of Rev. Timothy Walker, ed. by J. B. Walker, 1889, pp. 80; History of Four Meeting Houses, by J. B. Walker, 1881, pp. 80; Historical Sketch of St. Paul's Church, by H. A. Brown, 1885, pp. 27; Concord and Its Points of Interest, by G. F.

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[Proprietors of Penacook, 1725–6.]

[From original in possession of Joseph B. Walker.]

At a meeting of the Committee of the General Court for bringing forward the Settlement of a Tract of Land at Penny Cook, began and held at the House of Ebenezer Eastman in Haverhill the Second Day of February 1725.

Present

John Wainwright Esq^{r} Cap^{t} John Shipley, M^{r} John Sanders, Eleazar Tyng Esq^{r} and M^{r} Joseph Wilder.—

There being but just a Quorum of the Committee present, and M^{r} Chairman with the Remainder of the Committee being detained on the Road by Reason of the Extremity of the Weather, Ordered That the Meeting be Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Ten a Clock—

Thursday Feb^{ry} 3rd 1725.—

At a Meeting of the Committee

Present

The Honourable William Tailer Esq^{r} Elisha Cooke Esq^{r} Spencer Phipps Esq^{r} John Wainwright Esq^{r} Cap^{t} John Shipley, M^{r} John Sanders, Eleazar Tyng Esq^{r} and M^{r} Joseph Wilder—

Agreed and Voted That some of the Principal Inhabitants of the Towns to which the Generality of the Petitioners belong be desired to attend the Committee and inform them of the Circumstances of the Petitioners and others in Order to the Committees admitting such of them as shall be thought most suitable for bringing forward the Settlement of Penny Cook, Cap^{t} John White, M^{r} Obadiah Ayer, and Cap^{t} Joshua Bayley of Haverhill, Cap^{t} Benjamin Stevens, Mess^{rs} John Osgood and John Chandler of Andover, Mess^{rs} Moses Day and David Kimball of Bradford did accordingly attend the Committee—

Then the Committee Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Ten a Clock

Fryday Feb^{ry} 4th 1725.—

At a Meeting of the Committee Present the same as Yesterday.—

The Committee proceeded to inquire further into the Circumstances of the Petitioners and others who appeared and were desirous to be admitted to bring forward the intended Settlement and Admitted several of them—

Then the Committee Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Ten a Clock

Saturday Febʳʸ 5th 1725.—

At a Meeting of the Committee Present as before.—

The Committee further proceeded to admitt Settlers and Compleated the Number According to the Order of Court, A List whereof follows, Each of whom paid Twenty Shillings to Mʳ Chairman upon their Admittance to pay and defrey the Charge of the Committee—vizt

Zebediah Barker
John Osgood
Benjamin Parker
Moses Day
John Sanders
Robert Kimball
Nathll Abbott
Stephen Osgood
John Wright
Ebenezer Stevens
Thomas Page
Robert Peaslee
Samuel Kimball
Nathll Clement
Samuel Ayer
Joseph Davis
Nehemiah Heath
Nathll Sanders
Abraham Foster
Nathll Barker
Samuel Davis
Samue[l] Toppan
Ammi Ruhamah Wise
Jonathan Pulcepher
John Ayer
Thoˢ Perley for Nathll Cogswell
John Peapody
Jonª Hubbard for Danll Davis
Moses Hazzen
Moses Boardman
Nathan Fisk
Zerobbabel Snow

John Grainger
Timothy Johnson
William White
Samuel Reynolds
Nathll Lovejoy
John Sanders junr
John Chandler
Thomas Blanchard
Joseph Parker
Nathan Parker
John Foster
Ephraim Farnum
Benjamin Carlton
Nathll Page
Edward Clark
Ephraim Davis
Stephen Emerson
Andrew Mitchell
Benjamin Gage
Nathll Peaslee
William Gutterson
Enoch Coffin
Richard Uran
Ephraim Hildreth
Thomas Colman
David Dodge
Richard Hazzen junr
Isaac Learned
Jonathan Shipley
Edward Winn

Mr Samuel Phillips
Ebenezer Eastman
David Kimball
Nicholas White
John Merrill
Samuel Grainger
Benjamin Stevens Esqr
Ebenezer Lovejoy
William Barker
James Parker
Christopher Carlton
John Clark
Nehemiah Carlton
John Mattis
William Whittier
Joseph Page
John Bayley
Joseph Hall
Benjamin Niccolls
John Jaques
Henry Rolfe
Bezaliel Toppan
Nathll Jones
Ebenezer Virgin
Thomas Wicomb
David Wood
Joseph Hale
Jacob Eames
Joshua Bayley
Richard Coolidge
Isaac Walker
James Simonds

Nathan Bloggett	Nathan Simonds	John Coggin
John Pecker	Obadiah Ayer	Jacob Abbott.—

A true Copy taken from the Proprietors Book of Rumford
Attest Benj[a] Rolfe Prop[ts] Clerk.—

[Draft of Authority to Benjamin Rolfe and Timothy Walker, 1753.]

[From original in possession of Joseph B. Walker.]

We The subscribers Inhabitants of a Town called Rumford in y[e] Province of New Hampshire in New England—desire & Impower Benj[n] Rolfe Esqr & Tim[y] Walker our minister, in our Name & on our behalf to represent to the Kings most excellent majesty in council the manifold grievances we Labour under by reason of y[e] multiplied lawsuits Lately commenced against us by y[e] Proprietors of Bow & also our being for several years last past deprived of all corporation priveledges & to ask such Releif as his majesty in his great wisdom & Goodness shall see meet to grant & to sign such complaint & petition on our behalf & also to nominate & appoint any person or persons whom they shall Think fit to present y[e] same to his majesty & to Appear & fully to act for & in our behalf respecting y[e] subject matter thereof as wittness our Hands—

Dated at Rumford aforesd
Feb 12 1753

[Draft of Appointment of William Bollan as Agent, 1753.]

[From original in possession of Joseph B. Walker.]

Pursuant to a desire signed by the Inhabitants of Rumford in New Hampshire in New England Dated Feb 12 1753 That we the subscribers would represent to the Kings most excellent majesty in council the manifold grievances they labour under by reason of the multiplied Lawsuits lately commenced against y[m] by y[e] proprietors of Bow & also their being for several years last past deprived of all corporation priveledges & to ask such relief as his majesty in his great wisdom & Goodness shall see meet to grant Impowering

us to sign such complaint & petition in y^r^ behalf & to nominate and appoint any person whom we should think fit to prefer the same to his majesty & to prosecute it—we do by these Presents Impower William Bollan Esqr to prefer the Petition respecting the premises signed by us & bearing equal Date with these Presents & to appear & fully to act in the behalf of us & y^e^ other Inhabitants of sd Rumford respecting the subject matter thereof as witness our Hands & seals this 16 Day of Feb 1753

[Draft of Letter to William Bollan.]

[From original in possession of Joseph B. Walker.]

William Bollan Esq^r^

Sir

We are Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford which was granted by the Province of the Massachusetts bay but by the new running of the line falls within the Province of New Hampshire

We are in a most unhappy situation, some of our people have been sued and verdicts have been obtained against them in the inferior & superior Courts & others of us are threatened & we know not whose turn is next, our enemies are our judges & we have no hopes of redress within our own Government though we have as just a cause as ever men had. Under our distress we advised with M^r^ Hutchinson who formerly went home in our behalf, he first proposed our waiting the issue of the Action now depending in England, which he does not doubt will be favourable & will influence any future tryals, but we very much doubt whether the determination of this Action will prevent their bringing forward others. The several Grants from the Massachusets are very differently circumstanced so that the Event of one Action will be no bar to another and they take an effectual method to prevent any other being carried home for they sue for small parcels of land the value of which is not so great as that by the Province Law an Appeal may be granted (or if it might the Owner of it would sooner give up his claim than be at the charge of an Appeal,) and if we must go home by complaint the hearing in order to obtain a tryal and if we obtained, the tryal itself would together be attended with such a charge that though a great number of us were to join we could not without selling our Estates w^ch^, by the way under their present circumstances nobody will buy, raise money to defray

it. Upon these considerations Mr Hutchinson advised us to apply to you and to forward to you a Petition to his Mjesty representing our grievances & praying for relief, though at the same time he gave us no great encouragement that you would prefer & sollicite it wthout seeing a prospect of being paid the charge that will attend it, but as there is a possibility either that the Massachusets General Court may be prevailed on to give some directions about it or that it may be of some service in the cause now depending or that by communicating of it to some of the Lords of trade although it should never be prosecuted (since the only reason is our not being able to do it) it may be of service to us & perhaps produce some general directions for our Relief with this View we thought it best we should send it to you. We are loth to trespass too much by a particular relation of our distresses; many of them will appear from the Petition. One of us has been the settled minister of the place for more than 20 Years but for four years past has had no salary & has been supported in such sort as he has by the particular donations of some of the Inhabitants & he certainly would have left the place before now if it had not been for discouraging the rest. This is what New hamshire hopes for; to harrass us till they they force us to throw up the effect of near thirty years toil & labour that they may Possess themselves of it. We intreat you to make use of this Petition in some sort or other for our relief. Could we be secure in our propertys we would endeavour to be easy with the change of Government though the most effectual relief would be our return to the Massachusets, and this would most effectually serve his Majestys interest in the settlement of this part of the Country between the two Rivers Merrimack & Connecticut where nature has done much towards a Barrier & had not the line been altered we are well satisfyed great progress would have been made in settling & improving that whole Country whereas since its falling under New Hampshire the new settlements have been declining instead of advancing & in case of a War will in all probability be entirely forsaken & the frontiers of New England in the state they were 70 years ago for New Hamshire can not & we are told the Massachusets will not defend us again.

[Deposition of Thomas and Joseph Eastman.

[From original in possession of Joseph B. Walker.]

Thomas & Joseph Eastman, both of lawful Age testify & say, That in the beginning of June 1730, they removed to the Plantation then called Penicook, now Rumford in the Province of New Hampshire—And that John Merrill who is now Apellant in an Action of Ejectment to be tried at the next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Portsmouth in said Province of New Hampshire, wherein the Proprietors of the common & undivided Lands in the Township of Bow are Apellees, moved up to the said Plantation with his Family at the same time, & has resided there ever since;

That they are well knowing to the House Lot N° thirty four, in the second Range of House Lots in the said Plantation, the original Lot of Nathaniel Page & to the twenty-Acre-Lot which was laid out to the Right of the said John Merrill in said Plantation—And that the Land said to be in Controversy between said John Merrill & said Proprietors of Bow is part of said Lots—That about three Acres of Land on the Interval Lot belonging to said Pages Right was broke up sometime before the Date first mentioned, & was in the year 1730 planted & improved by the Assignee of the said Page—

That the said Merrill, soon after his arrival there settled upon the said controverted Land, & has lived there ever since.—That he has made yearly Improvements in the Plantation, or Township.—And the said Thomas declares, That according to the best of his Remembrance, the House-Lot abovementioned was cleared before the first mentioned Date.

And both these Deponents say, That they have been well acquainted with the Circumstances of the said Plantation ever since their going there, & always understood that it has been constantly possessed, & inhabited by the Grantees of the Massachusetts-Bay their Heirs & Assigns: And that they never knew any of the Proprietors of Bow, their Heirs, or Delegates, as such, settle upon, manure, or occupy any Part of the same.

[Deposition of Edward Abbott.]

[From original in possession of Joseph B. Walker.]

Edward Abbott Testifieth & saith that on y^e^ Eight Day of May 1727 he in company with many others sat out from Andover on their Journey to a New Township granted by y^e^ general court of y^e^ massachusetts Bay to a Number of setlers at a place called Pennicook in order to Erect a House which had been some Time before begun which was designed by y^e^ s^d^ setlers for a meeting House which they Immediately upon their arrival there applyed themselves to & accomplished some time in y^e^ s^d^ month that about y^e^ same Date a considerable Number of y^e^ s^d^ setlers went up to y^e^ s^d^ place to y^e^ Number of upwards of forty persons according to y^e^ best of his Judgment that about y^e^ same Date a Loaded Team was driven up by some of y^e^ s^d^ setlers which Team Haled y^e^ Timber for y^e^ s^d^ meeting House Broke up some Land &c that some corn was planted y^e^ same spring w^c^ was Tended & Harvested y^t^ a considerable Quantity of Hay was cut there y^e^ same summer that in y^e^ fall of y^e^ sd year as he was returning from y^e^ sd place he met a Family upon y^e^ Road who sd they were moving up there, which he accordingly found there upon his return y^e^ next spring together with another family w^c^ moved up at or about y^e^ same Time that from this time y^e^ plantation Increased so fast that in y^e^ year 1730 there was a chh gathered & a minister ordained that in y^e^ spring of y^e^ last mentioned yea John merrill one of y^e^ sd setlers who is appellee in y^e^ action of Ejectment to be tryed at y^e^ superior court of Judicature to be holden at portsmouth in y^e^ province of New Hampshire by adjournment on y^e^ 2d Tuesday of sepr Instant wherein y^e^ Proprietors of y^e^ common & undivided Land in y^e^ Township of Bow are appellants moved his Family up to y^e^ sd plantation, having made considerable Improvements upon his lands there the three preceeding years, which has constantly resided there ever since, & y^t^ he y^e^ sd deponent has been well acquainted with y^e^ circumstances of y^e^ plantation of Pennicook from its first settlement to this Day & well known y^t^ y^e^ sd Township has been constantly Inhabited Possessed & Improved by y^e^ sd setlers their heirs & assigns & y^t^ he never Knew any of y^e^ pro-proprietors of Bow as such their Agents or delegates setle upon manure or occupy any part of y^e^ sd Township

The Deponent further saith that David Chase & Jacob Shute now are & for many years past have been in y^e^ possession of &

actually dwelt upon part of y^e^ Land described in y^e^ writ brought by y^e^ sd proprietors of Bow against y^e^ sd John merrill

Province of }
New-Hampshire } Rumford (so called) Septem^r^ 3^d^ 1750.

Ebenezer Virgin, living more than five miles from y^e^ Place of trial of the Case above-named referred to in the above Deposition personally appeared before me the Subscriber, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Province aforesaid, & made Oath to the Truth of the above Deposition to which he had subscribed his name: Clement March Esqr. a Proprietor of the Common & undivided Lands in the Town Bow was duly notified of the time & place of the Caption of the above Deposition, but not present at the Caption thereof: Lieut. Nathan^l^ Smith another Proprietor of the Common & undivided Lands in the Township of Bow aforesaid was duly notified, & present, & made no Objection against the Caption of the above Deposition, or against anything therein contained.

The above Deposition was taken at the Request of Benjamin Rolfe Esqr. Attorney for John Merrill.—

James Scales.

[Richard Hazzen to Col. Benjamin Rolfe, 1753.]

[From original in possession of Joseph B. Walker.]

My Dear and Honored Col^o^

Last week I made My 127^th^ Trip to Portsmouth the Metropolis of New Hampshire and Grand mart of News both fforeign and domestick but as the Climate is at this Time of y^e^ year no foreign News Could be Expected, nor was there any as I Could hear off tho I Carefully exam^d^ the post and all the News mongers; and as to our own affairs I can only Tell you that y^e^ prejudice of y^e^ Bow prop^rs^ against all that Claim in Opposition to them themselves seems rather to Increase then be diminished, I ventured however to Ask my Pateroon Peirce what he would do if upon y^e^ Review you should bring in Masons Title, he replyed he would stand by that let the Event of y^e^ Cause be what it would, but said he hop^d^ if you brought that in to Serve you in one Case you would not reject & disallow it in Others, Then I ventur^d^ to tell him I apprehended the New Towns would now take my advice I had been pressing

upon them to Complain to his Majesty and perhaps Rumford would do it he replyed he did not value it that would be put off this 20 years. I did not dare Say much more least there might be some suspicion But was the Most Chagrin[d] to See three verry worthy Newbury Gentlemen principall proprietors in Cuntoocook, M[r] J Coffin & Gerrish Two of them come to M[r] Peirce to make up with him as one of the principall of the Mason Lords, and Bow & scrape and Cringe to the Ground to him and beg off him to be their friend, it made My old English blood boyl in me, but that was all I could not come to Speak with them I found without Peirce's Suspecting me to be his Enemy however I Shook hands with them as friends and am sorry for it since their design was evil and injurious to so many good men Especially of Rumford you have Traitors to your Cause even in Newbury itself S[r] I have sent you Gov[r] Dudleys Speech to y[e] Assembly of N: Hampshire 1703, & their Answer, & have only further to Say that Hampton is now going to turn Kingston upside down that is to Say to get their due of them and y[e] whole Current of discourse now in all Company is that y[e] Old Massachusetts grants must hold, Maugre all any Governour or Councill could do The Court is Adjourned to y[e] 12[th] of March next where I Shall attend if Life and health permitt. My Service to your Rev[d] Pastor to whom you may Always Communicate. I am sr your

Hearty ffriend & humble Serv[t]

Hampstead ffeb: 16[th] 1753. R Hazzen

[Petition from Inhabitants of Rumford, 1756.]

[Farmer's Mss. Town Papers, Vol. 2, p. 23.]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq[r] Captain General and Governour of His Majesties Province of New Hampshire the Honourable His Majesties Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened Portsmouth February 18[th] 1756

The Petition of Ezra Carter & John Chandler on behalf themselves & the Inhabitants of the late District of Rumford Humbly Sheweth, That we the Subscribers together with Moses Foster Esq[r] by an Act past by the General Assembly in July last were appointed to be Assessors to Assess the Inhabitants within the Limits therein referred to at a certain Sum and to have the Assess-

ment compleated & returned to the Treasurer of the Province within two months after the date of Said Act That one half of the time was Lapsed before we had sight of the Act and it was then the most busie Season in the whole Year & the Cattle on which part of the Tax was to be laid were out in the Woods & not known whether living or killed by the enemy which rendered it almost impracticable for us to comply with the Letter of the Act—For the remedying of these Inconveniences & also in hopes of Obtaining Some Alterations beneficial to us and the People we ware to Tax we should have Addressed the General Assembly long before now but our Distance is such that we seldom hear of the Adjournment & Prorogations thereof before it is too late Several times were pitched upon for said purpose but before they Arrived the Assembly was Adjourned & now having an Oppertunity to lay the Affair before Your Excellency & Honors we humbly hope that you will take our Case into Your consideration and in your wisdom & Goodness compassionate our Circumstances—as to our Paying our Part of Publick Charges of the Government we can uprightly answer for our selves & have reason to believe that we speak the United Sense of the people of Rumford that we ought to do it but humbly Pray we may have the Priveledges of a Town or District viz^{t} to raise money for the Maintainance of Our Minister School & Poor the Repair of High Ways &c for the want of which for several Years past the Inhabitants there have been great Sufferers That we apprehend we are doomed much beyond our Just Proportion of the Publick Charge which has happened as we conceive for want of a true List of our Poles & Estates which we believe was never laid before the assembly That we have been unavoidably Subjected to great loss of time almost every Year for several years past by Disturbances from the Indians and particularly for the last two Years past about a Quarter of our Inhabitants have been drove from their Settlement during the busie Season of the Year and the whole of them Obliged to divert from their Husbandry in Order to repair their Garrisons & provide for the safety of their families, Wherefore your Petitioners most humbly Pray that their Circumstances may be Considered that they and the Inhabitants aforesaid may be Relieved against the Penalties & Rigour of said Act—

That a proper method may be prescribed to have a true List of of the Polls & Estates afores^{d} laid before the General Assembly so that they may Pay no more than their Proportion Considering their Situation That they may be Incorporated to all the Purposes of a Town and that the Assessors afores^{d} may have a farther time al-

lowed to Perform the Business Assign'd in Assessing & the Collectors in Levying the Sum that shall be finally determin'd must be paid by Said Inhabitants. And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray.

Ezra Carter
John Chandler

Province of New Hamp^{r}
In Council Feb^{ry} 18th 1765
Read & ordered to be Sent Down to the Hon^{ble} Assembly—
Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

[Part of Argument for Appellant.]

[From original in possession of Joseph B. Walker.]

observations on President Cutts his commission &c

If further Satisfaction be demanded with respect to the Lands disclaimed by the mass^{tts} Bay before y^{e} two chief Justices in 1677—it may be answered upon the Authority of King Charles his Declaration who expresly says towards the Latter End of Cutts his commission That the massachusetts Agents had disowned any Right *either in the soil or government from the Three mile Line afores*^{d} which can mean no other than the 3 mile Line which ye same King charles had a little before assigned to the massachusetts Bay as their Northern Boundary which was to follow ye course of the River (merrimack) as far as it went—consequently the Lands disclaimed must lye in New Hampshire or the Province of main or both for the Plan will show that those two Tracts viz New Hampshire & y^{e} Province of main lye next to the Northward of that 3 mile Line But the Principal use we would make of this (Cutts) commission is to show both from the com'ission itself & a number of coincident cirrumstances refered to & mentioned therein how plainly it appears that the exact Limits of New Hampshire (so far as merrimack River was concerned) at its then Infancy or rather origin were fully understood both by King & People on all sides & how next to Impossible it was that any mistake or dispute relative thereto should arise So Long as merrimack River remained a Known visible thing and all other circumstances remained in statu quo—And in fact so low down as 1740 New Hampshire never once denied—that the massachusetts Bay under their old charter Strengthened by ye Royal adjudication in 1677 took in ye

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This PLAN gives a general View of the Province of New Hampshire, so far as it has been laid out into Townships.
Bow, represented by double black Lines, laid down as the Plaintiffs alledge it ought to be. Bow, laid down by black and red Lines, as the Defendants alledge it must lay, if it can be laid out at all: The yellow Spot, contained within the double black Lines, represents the Land in Controversy, laid down by the small Scale. A, A, A, A, with the red Lines, represents Rumford, as the Defendants alledge it lays granted by the Massachusets. The pricked Line d, d, shews that Rumford exceeds their first Grant One Hundred and Ninety-five Rods on the Southerly Side of the Township. The pricked Line e, e, shews, they have exceeded said Grant Fifty-seven Rods Easterly. The red Line B, B, B, B, represents the Township of Suncook, granted by the Massachusets. The Township of Nottingham, as laid down, exceeds the Limits by Charter one Mile Westerly.
Winnipiseoke River
Gilmantown
granted the 20th of May 1727
Smithfield
Middletown
Watertown
of May 1722
Part of the Ancient Province of Main now the County of York
A True Copy Attd
H Wentworth Clerk
Copy Examined
per Geo. Jaffrey Cl.
Province of New Hampshe
Sup Court by Adjournments October 1767 After the Case wherein Ebenr Hall & Ebenr Hall junr were Appellants & Josiah Sanborn Appellee was Cleard before the Jury went off the Stand This Plan was Offerd & Recd
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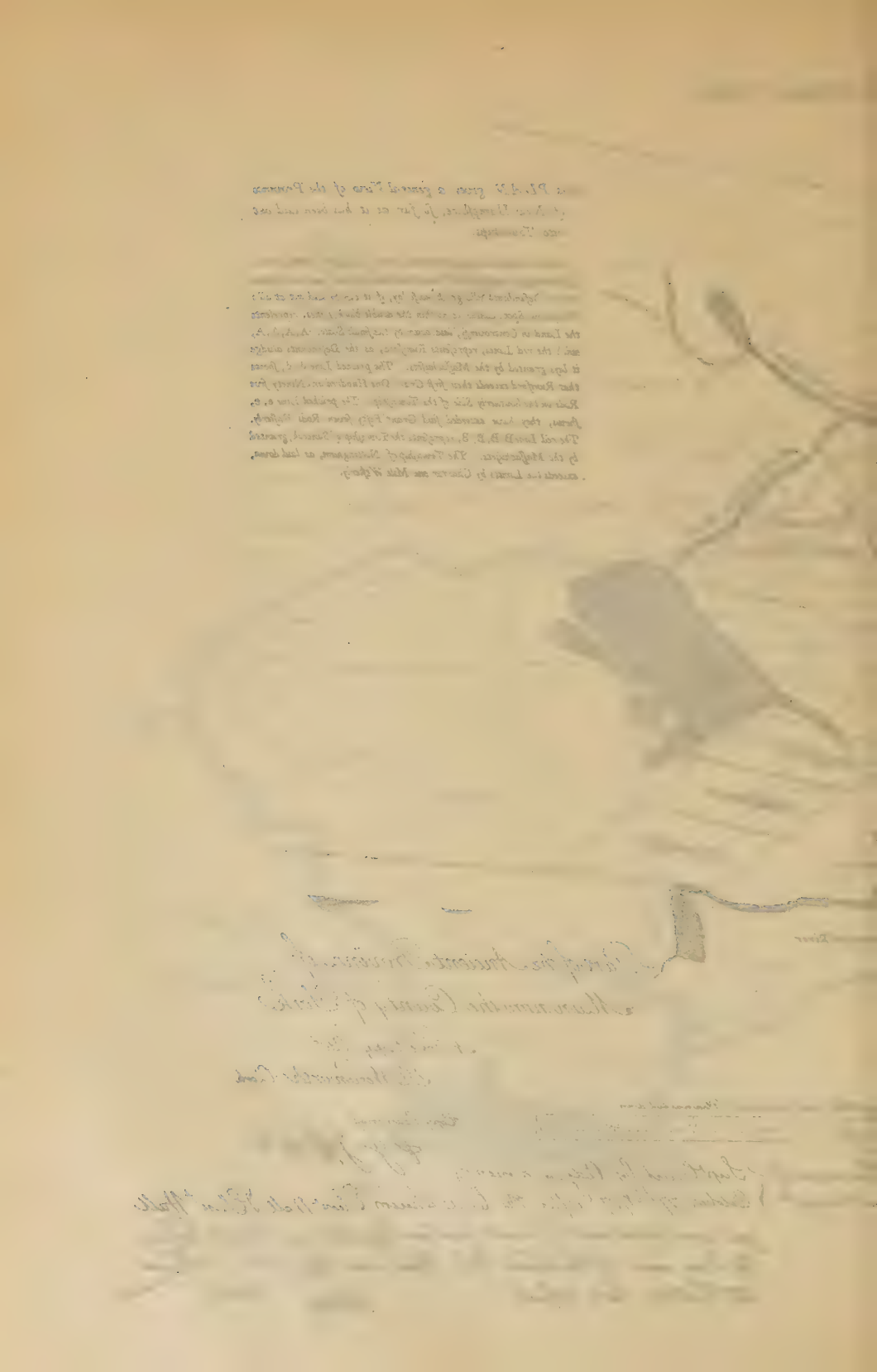

whole of merrimack River with 3 miles advantage, but founded the whole of their reasoning in support of their claim upon the diminished extent of the massachusetts Government under their New charter—for which see the New Hampshire Printed case which we shall lay before you—

as to the real difference between massachusetts former & Latter charters it is already stated Fol—to which you are referd—and here shall only add—what have been ye different apprehensions not meerly of Private persons but of whole communities relative thereto—For according to persons apprehension of the meaning & extent of a given Rule will be their consequent practice if they would be thought consistent—

Now massachusetts Bay always thought their two charters coextensive as to merrimack River until they were adjudged otherwise by his late majesty in council and conformable to this their belief was their Practice in granting Pennicook & several other Towns on the contrary New Hampshire laid great stress upon ye diffirence between the two sd charters their principal arguments in support of their claim were founded upon the difference & finaly they pray^{d} the Lords of the council to report them to be different The Point was looked upon as doubtful by the commissioners appointed to Judge thereupon & accordingly the report specialy for which see their Report Fol But what is of Principal moment they have been finaly adjudged to be essentialy different by the Highest Authority of the Nation—That is late majesty in 1740 adjudged a less extended Territory on merrimack River to the present massachusetts Government under their New charter (founded as is supposed on ye difference between the two charters), than was assigned to the Former mass^{tts} company under their former charter—though not in ye precise words which New Hampshire had prayed yet in others Equaly expressive & conclusive with them or any others that can be Imagined—whether this be so or not may best appear by placing the two Royal adjudications—that on the old charter in 1677—& also that on the New in 1740 in one view before you

1677 The words of the Former are That *the North & south Bounds of the Lands granted so far as the Rivers* (merrimack on ye North & charles River on ye south) *extend are to follow the course of the Rivers which make the breadth of the Grant—*

1740 The words of the latter are That *the Northern Boundary of the Province* (mass^{tts} Bay) *shall be a similar curve Line pursuing the course of merrimack River at 3 miles distance on the*

North side begining at the Atlantic ocean & ending at a Point due North of Pautucket Falls & a streight Line drawn from thence due west across the sd River Now unless a part be Equal to the whole the latter adjudication is not so extensive as the Former —what the difference is will best appear by the Plan—

It moreover appears by the former adjudication in 1677 That the two Lord chief Justices who framed the Report were well apprized of the Increased width the mass^{tts} Bay would gain by ye Northerly course of the Inland or upper part of the merrimack River—which Advantage their Lordships thought them Justly Entitled to after they had followed the course of the sd River merrimack to its Head —though not to a streight East & west line laid there thro'out the whole continent of America as the mass^{tts} Bay had claimed—which it is conceived was the occasion of their adding to the words above cited from their sd Report—as follows—viz—That by those words in The mass^{tts} charter *of and in all the Breadth aforesd was not Intended an Imaginary Line of breadth laid upon the broadest part but the breath respected the continuance of ye boundaries by the Rivers as far as they goe but when the Known boundary of breadth determines it must be carried on by Imaginary Lines to to the south sea*—Now to apply what is above set forth to the several purposes of which it is capable in the present case—In the first place it is obvious from this (Cutts) commission, That to provide for the Regular government of the People in the several Towns of Portsmouth Dover &c (which had been claimed by the massachusetts Bay in virtue of their Imaginary Line but which had been lately severed from them by the Line his majesty had assigned sd mass^{tts} Bay) was the profest design of Issuing this sd com'ission—It is Equaly obvious that the 3 mile Line which the King refers to as a thing well Known to himself & every body else that were at all concerned or conversant about the same, could mean no other than the Line which he himself had a little before assigned the massachusetts Bay as their Northern Boundary and which was to follow ye course of the River (merrimack) as far as it extended—For it was a Line which the mass^{tts} Agents had finaly assented to & acquiesced in—now can it be once Imagined that those Agents at that Time in 1677 when so far as appears not a word had been said nor any motion made either by y^{e} Parties or Judges tending to deprive mass^{tts} Bay of an Inch of merrimack River should then without any notice or necessity at all formally assent to a Line which (so far as appears had never been mentioned) would cutt off more than half the sd River with a vast

Gilmanton
6. Miles N.E.
Barnstead
N.W. to the River
Canterbury
7. Miles N.E.
8. Miles
Chichester
6. Mile
Northwest to the River
1 mile
Bow Line 8 miles S.W according to Grant.
Runford is contained within the Lines that are darkly drawn.
Bow is contained within the Blank Lines, according to Grant
The Line of Bow as it is said to be laid out
8. Miles
1 mile
1 mile
The Line of Bow as it is said to be laid out
S. 17 Deg. East 1. mile and 100 Rods
W. 17 S. 7 Mile

N.E.
Barrington
N.W. half a Point more Northerly 1/3 Mile
N.E. 1/2 a Point more Easterly
4 1/2 Miles
W. by N. 2 Miles or
Exeter Northerly Line.
S.W. 1/4 a Point more Southerly
1 Mile to Exeter Head line
W. N. W. 10 Mile or Chester.
Nottingham
6 Mile.
Nottingham Head Line
4 mile
This Line of Bow runs S.W. Nine Miles
according to Chart —
N.E.
E.
S.E.
S.
S.W.
W.
N.W.
N.

width of Territory from their Province—It is moreover obvious that this well Known Line was then assigned as the *Ne Plus* of New Hampshire on that side—and the expressions descriptive of its Limitts are peculiarly adapted thereto—It appears likewise by ye com'ission to Governor Shute next to be stated that the Limits of New Hampshire were not varied a hairs breadth by that—It appears likewise by the proceedings under seal Fol That Bow was granted under that com'ission to Shute & other matters relied upon by the respondents in this case were transacted under ye same—& now what we would Infer from these Facts relative to the present case is as Follows—whereever Bow overreaches that 3 mile Line the grant Falls of course—& all the warnings which were given by New Hampshire com^ttees^ under that comission but beyond that Line dwindle into the actions of meer Private men, who whatever Authority they might have within their Limits yet the moment they transgress them, it ceased—see further the :N B: Annexed to Wiggins his Deposition Fol—

It is moreover humbly hoped that the grants of Land passed by the mass^tts^ Bay before ye late adjudication of their present Northern Boundary in ye year 1740 within ye Territory formerly assigned to the old mass^tts^ company in 1677 & which they had thro all that Intermediate space of Time been in possession of & exercised Jurisdiction over & defended at an Immense expense of blood & Treasure untill they were countermanded by ye crown in sd 1740, will be looked upon with a favourable Eye whilst they (mass^tts^ Bay) had so many plausible reasons to think they did not Exceed their Authorized Limits, especialy with respect to the power of granting Land, by reason of a clause towards ye latter End of their present charter peculiarly favourable thereto which see Fol—particularly that the grant of Pennicook so beneficial to the Public both in design & Event, for which see further Fol will be confirmed & consequently the present Appellants quieted &c—

[More Argument.]

[From original in possession of Joseph B. Walker.]

Waldron & Atkinson say that in 1726 they as a com^ttee^ from y^e^ Government of New Hampshire went to Pennicook and forwarned col^o^ Tayler &c &c from laying out the same into a Township &c

Wiggins &c say that in 1729 they went to Pennicook as a com^{ttee} from the Proprietors of Bow & forwarned Persons &c—

Reasons why no more Notice was taken of these warnings were That Pennicook is within the Limits of the Territory formerly assigned to the mass^{tts} Bay under their old charter by King charles the 2^{d} in 1677 & which they had ever since been in possession of and at great expence of blood & treasure defended against the Enemy French & Indians—tis true that charter had been vacated & another given which they thought as extensive on that part as the Former And altho they could not certainly Know what his majesty would hereafter determine with regard thereto, yet they Knew that by setling a Body of People so far up in ye wilderness, in such a compact & Defensible manner who in Time of peace might maintain themselves & in Time of war make a stand with proper assistance they did a real & substantial service to his majesty & the Public, not only as they thereby gained that width of Territory from his Enemies but what was of more Importance Interrupted their passage on a River which from y^{e} begining of ye country had been of such use to them (the Enemy) in their Ravages & depredations committed on the Frontiers of New Hampshire as well as their own—That this is what they (the mass^{tts} Bay) had principally in view appears by y^{e} cautions attending the Grant of Pennicook which see Fol And that they have not in Event been wholy disappointed appears by sundry Depositions in the case particularly 2 Easmans—Gerrish—& Curry which see Fol—moreover their belief that their present charter extended so far had such reasons to support it that y^{e} com'issioners who were afterwards appointed to Judge thereof by ye crown after all ye Enquiry they could make in ye affair did not care to report otherwise than specialy upon the Point as set forth Fol Now whilst this was their (the mass^{tts} Bay) beleif their Practice was consonant thereto & therefore it is not strange they paid no more regard to these notices from New Hampshire especialy as the pretence of New Hampshire to Interpose at that Time was absolutely Inconsistent & contradictory to what they themselves allowed & never contradicted—For New Hampshire did not deny but mass^{tts} Bay under their old charter extended to the Land in question, that is that it Took in ye whole of merrimack River with 3 miles Advantage but they founded ye whole of their reasoning as to that matter on the difference between the two charters as appears by their Printed case before the Lords of the council throughout & finaly as the sum & conclusion prayed their Lordships to report in the following

words viz "*That all the Lands lying to the Northward of* "*merrimack River which were granted by ye charter of King* "*charles the 1st to the late colony of massachusetts Bay are not* "*granted to the present Province of massttts Bay by the charter of* "*King william & queen mary*—

But it is Evident to Demonstration that ye Bounds of the old colony of massttts Bay were the Bounds of New Hampshire not only at their first Erection into a Province under President Cutts but continued unvaried under governor shute as appears by comparing ye two com'issions both expresly Limited New Hampshire *from 3 miles to the Northward of merrimack River or to ye Northward of any part thereof*—on that side—*to the Province of main* on the other side—so that these men having gone over the express Limits of their then governors commission their Authority ceased & their actions were no more to be regarded than ye actions of meer private men—

and here it may not be amiss to observe how ye scene is changed —the Argument shifted—In ye whole of the dispute previous to the determination in 1740—The Plea on behalf of New Hampshire was founded upon ye difference between ye two massttts charters—they never once denyed that the old charter took in ye whole of merrimack with three miles advantage nor Indeed could they without denying ye express words of that charter as well as the very spirit & design of ye two chief Justices report in 1677—now they (New Hampshire People) have succeeeed in that point obtained what they aimed at—but have a further purpose to serve—they directly face about & contrary to their former declared Principles would pretend massachusetts Bay even under their old charter did not extend to the Northward of their present Boundary assigned them in 1740—

[Argument for the Appellant, by Judge Pickering.]

[Moore's Annals of Concord, 1824 p. 86.]

The State of the Case Lately decided at the Superior Court of New-Hampshire, between The Proprietors of Bow, Plfs. and John Morrill, Def. [1750.]

The action was ejectment brought by said proprietors against him for the recovery of about eight acres of land, situate in Bow, and particularly described in their writ, with the buildings and

appurtenances thereof, to the inferior court of common pleas, holden at Portsmouth, December, 1750, and at the defendant's request continued to the next term of said court, he being a purchaser of part of the land he holds, to vouch in his warrantor. But as he did not appear, the said John was obliged to defend himself, or give up the land demanded, on which some of his buildings stand. He therefore gave an issuable plea, and thereupon obtained judgment, from which the plaintiffs appealed to the then next superior court, entered their appeal, and after several continuances, parties had an hearing, and judgment was rendered for the plaintiffs to recover the premises demanded. This judgment the defendant reviewed. But judgment was again rendered for the plaintiffs. From which judgment he would have appealed to the king in council, or to the governor and council here in a court of appeals; but both were denied, as the premises demanded were not of sufficient value to allow either, according to the province law in such cases. But as there is much more than what is of value sufficient to allow either of those appeals, depending upon the same title, the defendant is aggrieved at the denial as well as at the judgment he would have appealed from. It is proposed here to take notice of the most remarkable things offered by each party. But as it is a known rule in these cases, that the plaintiff must recover (if at all) by the strength of his own title, and not by the weakness or defect of the defendant's, it may not be amiss more particularly to consider the title of these plaintiffs and the objections made against it on the part of the defendant; and then briefly to mention the defendant's title, and the objections the plaintiffs offer to that, with what is said in behalf of the defendant in reply to those objections.

The plaintiffs urge, that the right to all the lands in the province was originally in the crown. That by a special clause in the governor's commissions for this province, from time to time, they were authorised to grant these lands to the inhabitants, with the advice of the council, in order to the regular settlement thereof. That in the absence of the chief governor, this power, with others contained in the commission, devolved upon the lieutenant-governor. That under the commission to governor Shute, this happened to be the case. And in his absence the late lieutenant-governor Wentworth, being commander in chief, on the 20th of May, 1727, at Portsmouth, with the advice of the council, by a charter of that date, granted to sundry of his Majesty's subjects then inhabitants of the province, whose names were contained in a

schedule annexed, a tract of land in said province, bounded as follows, Viz.: "Beginning on the southeast side of the town of Chichester and running nine miles by Chichester and Canterbury, and carrying that breadth of nine miles from each of the aforesaid towns south-west, until the full complement of eighty-one square miles are fully made up," with sundry privileges and limitations therein. That about twenty months after the date of this charter, a committee of the grantees entered, surveyed the land granted, and marked out the bounds, as appears by a return under their hands, in what manner they proceeded. And this transaction, they say, gave the grantees the actual seizin and possession of the whole. Though they also say, that this as to the purpose of giving them the seizin, *ex abundanti*, for the grantees by operation of law, were seized immediately upon the executing their charter. But this entry and survey were especially designed that they might know and distinguish their township from others. That as they were thus seized of the whole by consequence of the premises demanded, as these are confessed to be within the aforesaid bounds. That about five years after this, they enclosed a parcel of this land on the easterly side of the Merrimack river, by conjecture about three miles square. All which facts, they prove by sundry testimonies in the case. Four of which amount to nothing more of any consequence than is declared in the return of the said survey. But take them altogether, the plaintiffs allege, they prove an actual entry on and possession of part, which they say is constructively a possession of the whole, and that continued so for the term of five or six years; and from that time to this, (about a year) they have been improving of part of said land, which gives them a right to oust any person, who has entered and possesses any part within the bounds of their charter, in any other right or claim.

What they further offer, is either by way of reply to the defendant's objections, or as objections to the defendant's title.

Now to this title the defendent objects, and urges sundry considerations. In the first place he submitted, and would again, upon a new trial, be glad to submit the point to be adjudged, whether the plaintiffs have proved their declaration. They declare, "that on the 12th day of June, 1727, they were seized of the premises, with others their common lands in said town of Bow, in fee, taking the profits theirof to the value, &c. and continued to be so seized thereof for one year next ensuing, and ought now to have quiet and peaceable possession thereof; yet the said John, within 23 years last past hath, without judgment of law, entered into the

premises demanded, disseized the plaintiffs thereof," &c. To say nothing of the peculiarity of this declaration, the seizin which the plaintiffs allege they had, must mean (if it has any meaning) a seizin in fact, for no person ever took the profits by virtue of a seizen in law only. Now they never sat a foot on the lands contained within the bounds of their charter, till the aforesaid survey, and how their seizin on the 12th of June is proved by an entry above twenty months after, is difficult to conceive. Besides this, the settlers of the plantation, called Pennicoke, which comprehends the lands in question, had been in possession of it above a year before the date of this charter, (as will appear beyond dispute, when we consider the defendant's title,) at present, only observe what is proved by sundry testimonies produced by the defendant, viz. That the April and May before the date of Bow charter, there were fifty men at work on the said plantation, clearing land, hewing timber for a meeting-house, and pursuing other measures, in order to settle a town there. That they prosecuted the affair with such vigor, as to have a minister ordained and a church gathered in the year 1730. But they were clearing the land there almost two years before any of the proprietors of Bow had seen *their* land; and all *they* did, when they entered, was only to run a chain, and mark some trees, at a great distance, round these laborers. They never so much as saw the land now demanded, where the settlers of Pennicoke were at work. And it appears, that *they* began to clear the land in question, when they first entered, because it is one of their house-lots, or home-lots, as they are commonly called, and in the nature of the thing, that should be first done. This possession has been continued without interruption to this day; and indeed may well be computed (by the plaintiffs' rule of possessing land by walking round it) from two years before April above mentioned.

Now upon these facts, concerning the manner of entry and possession of these parties, it is easy to see with what propriety the plaintiffs could declare upon their own seizin; and with what regard to truth it can be said to be proved.

But to proceed. Upon supposition the lands which the plaintiffs claim were the King's, at the time their charter was made, (which was not the case in fact) yet the plaintiffs have not derived that right to themselves, for this obvious reason—The Governor's authority to grant the King's lands was limited by the right of jurisdiction, and *that*, by the commission to that part of the province of New Hampshire, lying and extending itself from three miles

northward of Merrimack river, or any part thereof, to the province of Maine, (now the county of York) which is the easterly boundary of the commission. The westerly boundary of which, is the line running three miles northward of Merrimack as aforesaid. Now the land demanded by the plaintiffs in this suit lies on the westerly side of Merrimack river, more than three miles without the Governor's jurisdiction, by this commission, and consequently, he had no power to grant it; for if it should be supposed he might grant the King's lands out of his jurisdiction, where should he stop? by what limits could he be restrained? From the reason and necessity of the thing, therefore, it must be allowed, that the right of government, and the granting of lands was limited to the same territory. And the words of the commission necessarily imply, it did not extend over *all* that was called New-Hampshire. If it is conceded, then, that these lands are in the province of New-Hampshire, and were so at the date of the plaintiffs' charter, yet that concession will avail the plaintiffs nothing in this case.

Another objection to the plaintiffs' demand arises from the manner of their running out the bounds of their township. By their charter they were to begin on the south-east side of the township of Chichester. Instead of that, they began on the south-*west side*, as their return sets forth. Now what could justify their proceeding in this manner? If the land where they were to begin was appropriated before, that could not authorize them to be their own carvers, to take what they are pleased to estimate an equivalent, without a new grant, which they never had, nor did they ever make a return to the authority from whence they derived their title, for confirmation of what they had thus unwarrantably assumed; for by their running, they take in a considerable tract of land, really without their charter, and which belongs to others. And if there was a mistake to their prejudice in the bounds given them, that is no new thing—the King himself is sometimes deceived in his grants. In such a case they should have applied to the grantor for redress. They allege they could not begin on the south-east side of Chichester, because it joined to Nottingham on that side; but if it was so, what necessity of going four miles on Chichester before they began their measure? Their return, indeed, says, they were directed to leave four miles, &c.; this is no more than their own tale, for nothing appears to discover by whom, when, or where, this direction was given. But a verbal direction was not sufficient in this case; they should have taken their land according to their grant; and 'tis as probable as any thing they say

as to this matter, the true motive for making this leap, (not in the dark) was to get better land. Now the defendant avers it to be a fact, that if they had run as they ought, from the southerly *corner* of Chichester, they would not have reached the land demanded.

But now to come closer to this title, as derived from the Crown, the defendant says that the right to all the lands the plaintiffs claim as contained in their charter, was long before granted by the council of Plymouth, in whom the right of the Crown to them was vested, to Capt. John Mason, (if there had been no preceding grant from said council) which was confirmed by King Charles I., and has been recognized by every crowned head to King George I., from whose time till lately nothing was said of it, by reason of the absence or minority of the heir. By all which it appears that this right of Mason was always adjudged good. Now as the said lands were all waste or unimproved, except what the settlers at Pennicoke had done upon that which they claimed of them, they, beyond all question, belonged (agreeable to Queen Anne's orders and the concession of the Assembly here) to those who had Mason's right. And if this was the case, the Governor's grant could be of none effect as to these lands; for the power of the Governor extends only to the right of the Crown, of which the Crown was long before divested. Hence it follows, the plaintiffs' title under the government cannot serve them, of which the defendant may take advantage; for it is a well known rule that a defendant may plead any man's title against the plaintiff.

And here the plaintiffs agree with the defendant, and allow the right was Mason's, and that they cannot avail themselves of the charter aforesaid, only as a description of what they claimed, and were in possession of; but say, *they have that right*, for that Mr. Mason's heir sold to Theodore Atkinson, Esq. and others, by deed, dated the 30th of July, 1746, and that the purchasers, by their deed of release, dated 31st of July aforesaid, conveyed their right to the plaintiffs, among others. And here the defendant, not willing to be in arrears, will in his turn at present agree with the plaintiffs, that they have Mason's right to their lands, and make no question whether the right of Capt. John Mason is now in *his* heirs or Allen's. But then must quere how a right, acquired in 1746, could give an actual seisin of the lands, the right to which was then purchased, so long before the purchase as 1727; that is, whether a man, by virtue of a deed made to-day, could be in actual possession of the land conveyed by it nineteen years ago? Moreover, the defendant must deny a right was conveyed by this

release to the lands demanded, and whatever else is within the bounds of Rumford, that is the plantation of Pennicoke, for this reason. It is common learning on this subject, that a release operates only to those in possession, and the plaintiffs' own declaration shows they have been out of possession above twenty years. What benefit then have the plaintiffs by this release as to the lands aforesaid?

But now if we look into the release, we shall find it is made as much to the defendant as any person whomsoever. For he is an inhabitant of Bow, as the plaintiffs themselves style him, and this release is made to the inhabitants as well as to the proprietors, of what they possess; and as the defendant had possessed so long in his own right, he must of necessity be quieted by this release, if it has any effect at all, and it would be doing the greatest violence to the words of it, to give them any other construction as to this point; and if so, it is submitted whether the plaintiffs or defendant has Mason's right. But what may further be objected to the plaintiffs on this head, and indeed is what first occurs, it is a well known point of law, a chose in action or a mere right cannot be transferred, and Mason's title was no more, as to all the lands in the possession of those who were not parties at the time of making the said deed to Atkinson and others. The lands demanded, as well as all the plantation of Pennicoke, had been near twenty years in the possession of entire strangers to that transaction. And then what title can the plaintiffs derive to themselves under this conveyance to the lands in question? This, and much more, the defendant conceives may well be offered in his defence, sufficient to defeat the plaintiff's action, upon supposition he had no title. But this is not the case.—We shall now consider the defendant's title.

In the year 1725, upon the petition of Benjamin Stevens and others, a tract of land of seven miles square, at a place called Pennicoke, by the government of the Massachusetts Bay, was appropriated for a township, the bounds of which were as follows, viz. "To begin where Contoocoke river falls into Merrimack river, thence extending east seventeen degrees north three miles, and west seventeen degrees south four miles, which is the northerly bound of said township; and from the extreme parts of that line southerly at right angles till seven miles are accomplished from the north bounds." Now it is agreed on all hands, that within these bounds the lands demanded are contained. And as the proprietors of Bow have run the bounds of the lands they claim, they take in

something more than two-thirds of what is contained within the bounds above described. And, therefore, as they have recovered part, they expect to recover the whole that lies within what they are pleased to call their limits; for other parcels of which there are several other actions now pending. And here it may not be amiss to take notice of the vexatious method they take to recover what they claim, by prosecuting a great number of actions, each for a small parcel of land, that they may prevent an appeal home, and that they may have the advantage of the ignorance and prejudice of common juries. And with a view to weary out and dishearten the defendants, who live at a great distance from Portsmouth, where all the courts are held, with the expense of charges occasioned to them by such a number of suits. Whereas they might as well have taken an action for all that lies in common, in the name of the proprietors of Bow, against the proprietors of Rumford, as well as the action against the present defendant, and others of the like kind. But to return. Among those who were to settle this town, is the name of the defendant and one Nathaniel Page, under whom he purchased a part of what is sued for. In the year 1726, a division of lots of upland and interval was laid out to the settlers, to hold in severalty, among which was the land demanded, part of which is that the defendant purchased of one Joseph Davis. These settlers prosecuted the settlement with such vigor, that in the year 1730 they had a minister settled, and a church gathered in said township. And in the year 1733, they were incorporated into a town, by the name of Rumford, (it not being the custom in this government to incorporate a tract of waste land without an inhabitant, but first to settle the land, and then make the settlers a corporation.) The act, by which this corporation was made, was confirmed by the King afterwards, in the year 1737. And notwithstanding their distance from other settlements, within, and none without them, the difficulties and hardships which necessarily attend those who have first set down upon land in a perfect wilderness, where there is not the least sign that ever English foot had trod the ground before them; and especially the danger, expense, and fatigue of an Indian war, which they encountered.* Notwithstanding all these and other discouragements, these settlers have stood their ground ever since their first entry; have persevered in their resolution, have planted

*Besides an actual war, they have been frequently driven into garrisons, and kept in continual fears for years together, or at least the whole summer season, which was occasioned again the next, by the threats and surly temper of the Indians.

a fine town, supply themselves and many others within them with provisions, afford other places both defence and sustenance, and are likely to be a great advantage to the province of New-Hampshire in general. Yet these are the people the proprietors of Bow would eject; would oust, not only of their all, but of *that all* they have thus dearly purchased. For what the said proprietors claim takes in all (within a very trifle) of the said improvements, which they would now cruelly, (I may say) ravish from them, after *they* themselves, with folded arms and indolence, have stood by a long time, and seen the others, with the greatest toil and expense, make these improvements. And the only reason that can be given for it is, they want something of *this kind*, and having none, they have made of their own; they take this as the shortest way of obtaining it. For to this day these proprietors of Bow have not settled five families within their whole township; and there is a great part of it clear of any dispute, and that part too which is nearest to the settlements within, yet nothing is done there, but they must needs overlook that, to come at this, the mark at which their whole view was directed. In short, they have not in the run of twenty years done as much towards settling a plantation, as they might, and as the others did, in two years; yet they are so partial to themselves, so blinded by interest, as to think, that because they once run a line round this land, &c. above twenty years ago, they have an indefeasible right to it, which yet they are unwilling to have brought to the test, and decided fairly in the cheapest way, but endeavor, by piece meal, to destroy the possessions. In fine, it seems that they have set their eyes and hearts upon this vineyard, and *perfas aut nefas* they must have it; for the actions they have recovered (which are several) have been against common right, the common known principles of law, and plain common sense. So much do they find their account in, and means to obtain juries, entire strangers to these things, or under the influence of a principle worse than ignorance.

But the plaintiffs object to the defendant's title several matters. That which they pretend to be very material is first—The land called Rumford lies not within the bounds of what is now the province of the Massachusetts Bay, according to the last settlement of the line, the defendant himself will own; and that settlement was not a new boundary now first made, but is to be considered in this view, viz. A declaration of his Majesty, of what was always the true boundaries of these provinces, that the province of New-Hampshire was always supposed to join to the Massachusetts, wherever the divid-

ing lines should be fixed, and the lands now under consideration, lying in New-Hampshire, the government of the Massachusetts had no jurisdiction, or, which amounts to the same, if these lands were out of their jurisdiction, ("and the right of granting of lands was limited to the right of jurisdiction") their grant was void *ab initio;* and therefore the settlers under them could derive no title to themselves, but must be looked upon as, or actually were, disseisors. But as their entry was recent when Bow was granted, the proprietors might lawfully enter upon them; especially considering the government of New-Hampshire had forewarned and forbid the committee, who were on the business of beginning the settlement of Pennicoke, to proceed in the name of the government of New-Hampshire. So there was really nothing in the way of the proprietors of Bow, any more than if there had been nobody there.

Before notice is taken of the principal objection, it cannot escape the most superficial observer, how weak it is for the plaintiffs to lay stress on this forewarning, by order of the government of New-Hampshire, and in the next breath, as it were, to confess, that the government had nothing to do with it; that the land was private property to which this related, an hundred years before. But as to the grand objection the defendant replies—When the land was appropriated as aforesaid for a township, the government of the Massachusetts had the jurisdiction in fact. Suppose it not to be *de jure*, to whom were they answerable for mal-administration? not to the proprietors of Bow, nor even the government of New-Hampshire, for that government, by the commission then in force, did not reach to the place now under consideration, by several miles, as was hinted before; then they could have nothing to do or say in the case. Who then was to correct this usurpation? The King was so far from charging them with any imputation of that kind, that he approved and confirmed the act by which the inhabitants of this plantation were incorporated; and as to the proprietors of Mason's right, they were glad they had such good neighbors, for every acre these inhabitants cultivated, doubled the value of as many acres of those proprietors. Moreover, the government of the Massachusetts exercised all the powers and authorities of government, both legislative and executive, over all places, to the line three miles northward of Merrimack aforesaid, till the said last settlement which were never annulled, or declared to be void, as must have been the case, had this notion been entertained, which these plaintiffs advance, that the said settlement of the line was

only a declaration of what was always the true boundaries of these provinces; or that *all* which Massachusetts had done in this regard, was a mere nullity. And if the King has not seen it proper to nullify all those acts of government, what have the plaintiffs to do in the case? It seems necessary that all should be deemed valid, or all void; or by what rule can a distinction be fixed? Besides, the settlement of this line, was only to settle the jurisdiction, and not to affect private property; nor was it ever designed to furnish a rule whereby *that* should be determined. And the acts done by either government within their respective limits, as exercised and used before the settlement, must be held valid to all intents, to avoid that confusion which the contrary notion would necessarily introduce, and which arises from connecting ideas which have no necessary connexion. That is, that the rights of government and the rights of property are always united, or that the latter has a necessary dependence on the former; which, with respect to this very line, has in fact stirred a multitude of suits. If this opinion was true, the jurisdiction of a government ought never to be altered, without first having all parties whose properties would be thereby affected, which must be all those who have any real estates between the old and new line. And in what case of this nature was this ever done? And yet if settled without it, that is without hearing such parties and determining their respective rights, this position would, in case of such alteration, (which frequently happens) be productive of the greatest mischief to private persons, not only by exposing them to suits, but by the ruin of those who held under the government whose jurisdiction should be contracted. Suppose the alteration in this case (as it might) had been, by fixing the line ten or twenty miles further eastwards, would the notion that such a settlement was only a declaration of what was always, &c. then have prevailed? and that all the real estates lying westward of the line must belong to the inhabitants of the Massachusetts, and the old possessors be sent a grazing, or to look out and subdue new lands, and perhaps by that time they should be well settled, the like event might happen. Besides, where shall we stop? Many or most of the ancient inhabitants within the towns of the same government, have derived their estates from town grants, which are laid out on any of the commons not before laid out in severalty, or appropriated. And by this rule, upon an alteration of the bounds of any two towns contiguous there must arise the like transmutation of property and endless controversies; for these towns are to many purposes distinct governments, and

the governments are only larger corporations. Now the cases here put are the same in kind, and differ only in degree. From all which considerations, and many more that might be added, it follows, that the grants made by the government of the Massachusetts, before the settlement of the said line, within the jurisdiction they then had in fact, as well as other acts of government, must be held good, and the grant under which the defendant holds among the rest. Besides all this, with respect to the property of the soil, there is another matter to be considered. It appears by the present charter of the Massachusetts, that the property of the soil from forty to forty-eight degrees of north latitude, was granted to the council of Plymouth, and is a fact so well known, it is needless to offer evidence of it. It also appears by the recital in said charter, that the said council by their deed, dated the 19th of March, the third of Charles I. granted to Sir Henry Roswell, and others there named, their heirs and assigns, and their associates forever, all that part of New-England, &c. comprehending the whole tract of land, which was called the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, under the old charter. That about a year after, King Charles confirmed this grant by a double recital, first by referring to the deed made by the council, and then by the particular bounds in that deed, and made the grantees and others their associates, a corporation on the place. That many years after this, in the latter part of the reign of King Charles II. this corporation was dissolved, by vacating the letters patent of King Charles I.

Now from these facts it may be observed, that the council of Plymouth, having the fee, conveyed the same, of all the land within the bounds of their deed of the 19th of March aforesaid, to Sir Henry Roswell, &c. as private persons, it being made a year before the corporation had existence, and had no relation to any corporate capacity. That the confirmation of the Crown aforesaid admits that the grantees of the council had the fee of the soil, which is the thing they designed to convey, and if it had not been done, there was nothing for the confirmation to work upon, for a confirmation of a void conveyance is also void. That the judgment, by which the corporation was dissolved, relates wholly to the King's letters patent, by which the corporation was erected, and has no manner of reference to the deed made by the conncil of Plymouth. The quere here is then upon annulling the charter of incorporation, what became of the fee of the land purchased by some of the members of that corporation as private persons, before the corporation was in esse; or how could the vacating or destroy-

ing a particular political relation, an *ens rationis* any ways affect the right of property? If it is said, that the judgment nullified those letters patent as a deed of confirmation: Suppose it—but what follows? Nothing as to this point. For the rule is, a confirmation is to bind the right of him who makes it, but not to alter the nature of the estate of him to whom made. Now if the grantees in the first deed had the fee by that, the confirmation, when in force, did not alter the nature of their estate, nor when annihilated, (if it could be so in this respect) did that affect it. Upon the whole, as to this point, it is submitted whether the dissolution of the corporation affected the right of property any more than it did the moral state of those who were the particular members. The consequence of all is, the right and property of all the lands within the bounds of that deed, was in those grantees, and still is in those who hold under them. How far those bounds extended, the judgment of the King in council, according to the opinion of the Lords Chief Justices upon the complaint of Mason and Gorges, in the year 1677, is an irrefragable determination. That as to that part of the bounds which relates to the lands of Rumford, it was to run parallel to the river at the distance of three miles northwardly of it to the head, or as it is in the report, to the *utmost extent* of the river, &c.; whereby it run a long ways beyond the said township of Rumford, so that there can be no doubt whether it took in those lands. Now, supposing this right to remain still in private hands, what have the government of New-Hampshire, or Mason either, to do with it? And here again the application of the rule above referred to offers itself. The land is neither the plaintiffs' nor defendant's. How then shall the plaintiffs recover? Not by the known established rules of law; but by a new method; the land the plaintiffs demand is not the defendant's, therefore *they* will have it. But here a question arises. Supposing all to be true with respect to this right that has been alleged, which way did it ever come to be the government's again? And if the property still remains in private persons, what have the government to do to parcel it out, and put whom they please in possession? There is no doubt but the reincorporation restored the government to all they had before, not expressly excepted in the new charter; and as they had the King's confirmation as a corporation, while that capacity continued, they must be supposed to hold by that; but when that was annulled, they were remitted to their ancient right, which they had before the corporation was created. And it is submitted, whether by necessary operation of law, a corporation

dissolved, and afterwards incorporated by a new charter, either by the same or a new name, is not of course restored to all its old rights and privileges, without express words in the new charter for that purpose; and if it is, the question is answered. However the government has been in possession of, and has exercised the right of granting the lands to the inhabitants more than sixty years, and if any particular person or persons might once have claimed it, such right seems to be extinguished by non-claiming the possession or exercise aforesaid. The deed made by the council of Plymouth is not in the case, nor is it to be found, nor any record of it, only by way of recital, it being probably consumed, and the record of it, with many other papers of a public nature, by the violence of a fire that destroyed the state-house, with a great part of the town of Boston, in the year 1711. But by the recital in the charter it may be depended upon as an undoubted fact, that there was such a deed.

There is another objection made by the plaintiffs to the defendant's title, which is, that the committee appointed by the General Court to have the care of settling these lands at Pennicoke, were to execute deeds to the settlers, which does not appear to have been done, therefore they have no title.

The answer to which is, there was no need for it, for the land was designed for those who would settle there; the committee determined who they should be, took a list of their names, then the lots severed were drawn in their names, and set off to them; and by the terms proposed, if they perfected the settlement, the land was to be theirs. And by the act or law of the province, by which they were incorporated, past the seventh of his Majesty's reign, it appears that they had fully complied with the terms the General Court had fixed. So that the executing such deeds, as it would have been a considerable trouble and charge, so it would have been *ex abundanti*, and was therefore omitted. The government conceded, the settlers had *their right*, and the committee could have given no more; and as to the method of conveyance, it is immaterial. Nor was it ever customary to pass deeds in these cases; and was mentioned rather to stimulate the settlers to comply with the terms, that they might be entitled to the land, than a thing necessary to be done.—And now to sum up all in a few words.

The defendant has entered, subdued, and cultivated the lands demanded; reduced them from the rough condition in which nature left them, to the state of a garden, in which labor he has spent more than twenty years, while the plaintiffs have been looking on, neither asserting their claim, nor attempted to settle any other part

of their lands. And whether the defendant has any title or not, the plaintiffs ought not to recover, if they do not make out the title they set up. For *melior est conditio possidentis*, the government of New-Hampshire did not extend to the place where these lands lay on the westerly side of Merrimack river, and therefore no right could be derived from them; and if the government had reached so far, the Crown had long before divested itself of all right to the soil, which was afterwards vested in Sir Henry Roswell, &c. That if that was not the case, it was Mr. Mason's, or those who have his right; from whom the plaintiffs have derived no title, because the defendant was in possession at the time of making the deed and release aforesaid. That if the release operates as to these lands, it is in favor of the defendant. That the defendant has a good right under the government of the Massachusetts Bay, as they had the jurisdiction in fact, and moreover had the right of the soil by the deed and other matters aforesaid. Add to all that, whoever settles land in the wilderness, and of that which before served only as a shelter and nursery for wild beasts, and a lurking place for the more savage animals, the Indians, not only purchases it at a dear rate, and has a hard bargain, though the land is given to him, but does public service. In which regard the whole town of Rumford merits the thanks of the government, instead of being turned out of doors. And what may be said in behalf of the defendant in this case, may, with the same propriety, be urged in behalf of those other inhabitants of Rumford, with whom these proprietors, or those who derived their right from them, are now contending and have actions in the courts under continuance.

[Moore's Annals of Concord, 1824, p. 99]

At the Court of St. James, the 29th day of December, 1762.

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty,

Earl of Huntington,	Viscount Falmouth,
Earl of Halifax,	Mr. Vice Chamberlain,
Earl of Northumberland,	George Grenville, Esq.
Earl of Egremont,	Henry Fox, Esq.
Earl Deleware,	Welbore Ellis, Esq.

Upon reading at the Board a Report from the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee of Council, for hearing appeals from the plantations, dated the 17th of this instant, in the words following, viz. :—

Your Majesty having been pleased, by your order in council of the 15th of February, 17—, to refer unto this committee the humble petition and appeal of Benjamin Rolfe, Esq. Daniel Carter, Timothy Simonds, John Evans, John Chandler, Abraham Colby, and Abraham Kimball, setting forth, among other things, that in 1721, Benjamin Stevens and others petitioned the General Court or Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, for a grant of land at Pennicook, upon the river Merrimack, which petition, having been referred to a committee of both Houses, and they reported in favor of the application, that it would be for the advantage of the province that part of the land petitioned for should be assigned and set apart for a township, to contain seven miles square, and to begin where Contoocook river falls into Merrimack river. And they appointed a committee to bring forward the said settlement, and laid down several special directions with regard thereto. And amongst others, that the land should be divided into one hundred and three lots or shares; and that one hundred persons or families, able to make their settlement, should be admitted, and each settler to pay for his lot five pounds for the use of the province, and be obliged to build a good house for the family within three years, and break up and fence in a certain quantity of land, and the houses and lots to be on each side of the river; and that a meeting-house should be erected and finished, which was to be assigned for the use of the minister and for the school, and the charge of the committee was to be borne by the settlers; which Report was agreed to by both Houses of the Council and Assembly of that province, and concurred in by the Governor. That in 1726, the town of Pennicook was laid out, and divided into lots amongst the proprietors, who began and carried on a settlement there with great difficulty and cost, it being above twenty miles up into the Indian country, beyond any English settlement then made, and being a perfect wilderness, having not the least sign that human foot had ever trod the ground there, and notwithstanding the difficulties they were under in establishing a new town in so remote a desert, they pursued their undertaking with such industry and pains, clearing the land, building houses, sowing corn, &c. that within a few years a town was erected, and the place capable of receiving their families, who were removed up there.

That on the 6th of August, 1728, in consideration that five hundred acres of land, which had prior to the aforesaid Pennicook grant, been granted to Governor Endicott, fell within the Pennicook boundaries, the Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay came to a resolution, which was concurred in by the Governor and Council, that the Pennicook settlers should be allowed and empowered, by a surveyor and chain-men upon oath, to extend the south bounds of their township one hundred and thirty rods the breadth of their town, and the same was accordingly granted and confirmed to them as an equivalent for the said five hundred acres of land. And in a few years they had so far erected and settled a town, that in 1733, the Governor, Council, and Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay passed an act for erecting the said plantation of Pennicook into a township, by the name of Rumford; which act was confirmed by his late Majesty in council; and the said settlers having ever since, at great costs and labor, gone on improving the lands within the said township of Rumford, by building, cultivation, and otherwise; and having been in continual possession thereof for above thirty years past, and the same is now become a frontier town on that part of New-Hampshire.

That on 6th of August, 1728, David Melvin and William Ayer petitioned the General Court or Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, for themselves and others, who had served as volunteers under Capt. John Lovewell, praying a part of the province land might be granted to them for a township, in consideration of the service they had done, and the great difficulties they had undergone in the war; which petition being read in the House of Representatives, it was resolved, that six miles square of land, lying on each side of Merrimack river, of the same breadth from Merrimack river as the township of Pennicook, and to begin where Pennicook new grant determines, and from thence to extend the lines of the east and west bounds on right angles, until the six miles square should be completed, be, and it is thereby granted to the forty-seven soldiers, and the legal representatives of such of them as were deceased, who marched with Capt. Lovewell, (himself included) when he engaged the enemy at Pigwacket. That on the 9th of July, 1729, the said David Melvin and others, petitioned the Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, setting forth, that they had caused the said tract of land to be surveyed and platted, and praying a confirmation thereof, and that the grantees might be empowered to assemble and choose a clerk, pass votes, and be empowered to admit the persons in Capt. Lovewell's first march, to

be associated with him; and the survey or plan of the said tract, which is annexed to the petition, and mentions it to begin at the south-east corner of the said town of Pennicook, and from thence to run out according to the grant. It was ordered, that the land described in the plan should be confirmed to the petitioners and their associates, and their heirs and assigns forever, provided it exceeded not six miles square, nor interfered with any former grant. And the Assembly, on the 23d of September following, ordered a preference to be given to those soldiers who were actually with the Captain in the engagement when he killed several of the Indians, and the said resolutions of the Assembly were concurred in by the Governor and Council.

That the Suncook proprietors carried on their said settlement which adjoined to Pennicook, otherwise Rumford, in like manner as the Pennicook or Rumford settlers had done; and in 1737, had a minister settled there, and by their industry, labor, and charges, it became a good parish, filled with inhabitants.

That some years since, upon a dispute about the boundary line between the provinces of the Massachusetts Bay and New-Hampshire, his Majesty was pleased to issue a commission to mark out the dividing line between the said province of New-Hampshire and Massachusetts Bay, but with an express declaration, that private property should not be affected thereby. And upon hearing the Report of the commissioners appointed to settle the said boundary, his Majesty was pleased, by his order in council, made in 1740, to adjudge and order that the northern boundary of the said province of Massachusetts Bay are and be a similar curve line, pursuing the course of Merrimack river at three miles distance on the north side thereof, beginning at the Atlantic ocean, and ending at a point due north of a place called Pautucket falls, and a strait line drawn from thence due west cross the said river, till it meets with his Majesty's other governments; by which determination two-third parts at least of the said river Merrimack, with the lands and settlements thereon, and among the rest, the said towns of Pennicook or Rumford, and Suncook, would lay upon the said river considerably above the said Pautucket falls, were excluded out of the said province of Massachusetts Bay, in which they had before been thought and reputed to be, and thrown into the said other province of New-Hampshire. That notwithstanding his Majesty had been pleased, at the time of issuing the said commission to fix the said boundary, to declare the same was not to affect private property. Yet, certain persons in New-Hampshire, desirous to

make the labors of others an advantage to themselves, and to possess themselves of the towns of Pennicook, otherwise Rumford, and Suncook, as now improved by the industry of the appellants and the said first settlers thereof, whom they seek to despoil of the benefit of all their labors, did, on the first of November, 1759, by the name of the proprietors of the common and undivided lands, lying and being within the township of Bow, brought an ejectment in the inferior court of common pleas, holden in Portsmouth, in New-Hampshire, against the appellants, by which ejectment the respondents, under the general denomination aforesaid of the proprietors of Bow, demand against the appellants the possession of about one thousand acres of land, alleging the same to lie in Bow aforesaid, and to be described and bounded as therein mentioned and set forth in the ejectment, their grant of the town of Bow, dated the 20th of May, 1727, from John Wentworth Esq. lieutenant-governor of New-Hampshire; and that by force thereof they were seized in fee of the lands thereby granted, to the extent of eighty-one square miles, and they had afterwards entered thereon, pursuant to their grant, and were seized thereof, and alleged they were entitled to the one thousand acres of land sued for, as part of the said eighty-one miles square of land, and that the same lay within the said town of Bow; but that the appellants had entered therein and ejected the respondents, and withheld the same from them. To which action the appellants severally pleaded not guilty, as to so much of the lands sued for as were in their respective possessions.

That on the 2d of September, 1760, the cause was brought on to trial in the said inferior court, when the jury gave a verdict for the respondents, and judgment was entered up accordingly with costs, from which the appellants prayed, and were allowed an appeal to the next superior court. And on the 2d Tuesday in November, 1760, the cause was brought on again to trial in the superior court, when the jury gave their verdict for the respondents, and the judgment was thereupon entered up, affirming the said judgment of the inferior court with costs. That the appellants conceiving themselves to be thereby greatly aggrieved, prayed, and were allowed an appeal therefrom to your Majesty in council, and humbly pray, that both the said verdicts and judgments may be reversed, and that they may be otherwise relieved in the premises.

The Lords of the committee, in obedience to your Majesty's said order of reference, this day took the said petition and appeal into their consideration, and heard all parties therein concerned, by

their council, learned in the law, and do agree humbly to report as their opinion to your Majesty, that the said judgment of the inferior court of common pleas of the province of New-Hampshire, of the 2d of September, 1760, and also the judgment of the superior court of judicature of the 2d Tuesday in November, 1760, affirming the same, should be both of them reversed, and that the appellants should be restored to what they have lost by means of said judgments.

His Majesty this day took the said Report into consideration, and was pleased, with the advice of his privy council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the said judgment of the inferior court of common pleas of the province of New-Hampshire, of the 2d of September, 1760, and also the judgment of the superior court of judicature, of the 2d Tuesday in November, affirming the same, to be both of them reversed, and that the appellants be restored to what they may have lost by means of the said judgments, whereof the Governor or commander in chief of his Majesty's province of New-Hampshire, for the time being, and all others whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

[Letter from Timothy Walker, 1762.]

[From original in possession of Joseph B. Walker.]

London Decembr 23 1762

Dear Sr Last Friday ye 17th Inst we had our Tryal have Obtain'd Judgment in our Favour viz that the Judgment against us shall be reversed &c the perticulars whereof I now Send you so far as my memory Serves mr De Grey my Council had proceeded but little way in Opening the Cause when Ld Mansfield Interrupted him by Saying we had in our printed Cases prepared a large Field for argumentation—that it would take two Days to goe thro' ye whole—but he had a mind to narrow the Case—that there were but two points worth Insisting on viz ye False laying out of Bow which he Called a non Suit—and the order of the King respecting Private property— he began with the former on which he Said our former Case Turned when (by the way) he Observed it was not as the Respts had alleedged in their Printed Case that we were drove from every other point &c for in truth there was no other point Considered—that the Lds not being Clear as to the other point

urged—merely out of tenderness to possession & Cultivation which they said in America was almost every thing they laid hold of that & determined as they did but Came to no determination upon the Other viz the order of the King in Council &c which he Called the great point—the first he determined roundly against us—I Suspected by the manner of his Treating it that he determined it should have no weight in the present decision and therefore would hardly allow it the force it deserved I was therefore not much Concerned at my Council's Submiting the point L^d^ Mansfield then said he was now Come to the main point viz the order respecting Private property which he Said must mean in Cases like ours where both sides Claimed and made grants—whoever Settled under a grant from either Side if he hapned to be on the rong Side of the line when it Came to be Settled—as he was precluded from defending himself by his grant his posscession should be his Title—and in this Case he said that posscession with a grant from the Mass^tts^ Bay was as good as posscession with a grant from New Hampshire—mr Yorke ye Resp^ts^ Council allowed y^t^ but alledged ours was not a *Bona Fide* posscession that we had been warned &c L^d^ Mansfield Said he had read those Deposicions as they was printed when it appeared Bow had Chosen Committees to warn people from Trespassing &c (which he Seemed to Speak with a Sneer) but he said the Sum was this Mass^tts^ People were Strong went on & Setled & Bow Claimed—as to what is posscession L^d^ Mansfield distinguished between posscession & property with respect to the Royal order he said the words were not private posscession but private property his design most Certainly was to Carry ye Idea of property further than actual Improvement—the Sum of what he Said was to this Effect viz what a man Claimed under a Certain Title part whereof he actualy Improved was his property what is done and what was Said in the Case if truly represented by any body whom Bow will believe will I am perswaded Effectualy discourage them from any further attempts even against Suncook much more against Rumford yet I Suspect their Lawyers will urge them on to further Tryals with what Success Time must discover

Yours &c—T W

[Non-Intercourse Agreement.]

[From original in possession of Joseph B. Walker.]

We the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Town of Concord having taken into our serious Consideration, the precarious State of the LIBERTIES of NORTH-AMERICA, and more especially the present distressed Condition of our Sister Colony of the Massachusetts-Bay, embarrassed as it is by several Acts of the British Parliament, tending to the entire Subversion of their natural and Charter Rights; among which is the *Act for blocking up the Harbour of* BOSTON: And being fully sensible of our indispensible Duty to lay hold on every Means in our Power to preserve and recover the much injured Constitution of our Country; and conscious at the same Time of no Alternative between the Horrors of Slavery, or the Carnage and Desolation of a civil War, but a Suspension of all commercial Intercourse with the Island of Great-Britain, DO, in the Presence of GOD, solemnly and in good Faith, covenant and engage with each other.

1. That from henceforth we will suspend all commercial Intercourse with the said Island of Great-Britain, until the Parliament shall cease to enact Laws imposing Taxes upon the Colonies, without their Consent, or until the pretended Right of Taxing is dropped. And

2. That there may be less Temptation to others to continue in the said now dangerous Commerce; and in order to promote Industry, Oeconomy, Arts and Manufactures among ourselves, which are of the last Importance to the Welfare and Well-being of a Community; we do, in like Manner, solemnly covenant, that we will not buy, purchase or consume, or suffer any Person by, for, or under us, to purchase, nor will we use in our Families in any Manner whatever, any Goods, Wares or Merchandize which shall arrive in America from Great-Britain aforesaid, from and after the last Day of August next ensuing (except only such Articles as shall be judged absolutely necessary by the Majority of the Signers hereof)—and as much as in us lies, to prevent our being interrupted and defeated in this only peaceable Measure entered into for the Recovery and Preservation of our Rights, and the Rights of our Brethren in our Sister Colonies, We agree to break off all Trade and Commerce, with all Persons, who prefering their private Interest to the Salvation of their now almost perishing Country, who shall still continue to import Goods from Great-Britain, or

shall purchase of those who import after the said last day of August, until the aforesaid pretended Right of Taxing the Colonies shall be given up or dropped.

3. As a Refusal to come into any Agreement which promises Deliverance of our Countries from the Calamities it now feels, and which, like a Torrent, are rushing upon it with increasing Violence, must, in our Opinion, evidence a Disposition enimical to, or criminally negligent of the common Safety :—It is agreed, that all such ought to be considered, and shall by us be esteemed, as Encouragers of contumacious Importers.

Lastly, We hereby further engage, that we will use every Method in our Power to Encourage and promote the Production of Manufactures among ourselves, that this Covenant and Engagement may be as little detrimental to ourselves and Fellow Countrymen as possible.

Philip Eastman
Peter Green Jr
Reuben Abbott
Jabez Abbott
John Chase
Benjamin Sweat
Daniel Carter
Ephraim farnum Jun
Henry Lovejoy
George Abbott
Joshua Abbot
Ezra Carter
Caleb Buswell
Jonathan Bradley
David Hall
Nathll Clement
Jonathan Eliot
Hezekiah Fellows
Solomon Gage
Levi Ross
Moses Abbott
Nathan Abbot
Jona Walker
Stephen Kimball
Hannah Osgood

Timothy Bradley
Cornelius Johnson
Daniel Gale
Thos Stickney
Daniel Abbot
Nathl West
Amos Abbot
Benjamin fifield
Jacob Shute
Jesse Abbot
Ezekiel Dimond
Abiel Chandler
Peter Chandler
Natha Rolfe
Stephen Abbot
James Walker
Jacob Carter
Abner flanders
Jacob Dimond
Heny Beck
Reuben Rimball
Chandler Lovejoy
John Farnum
Ebenr West

Timo Walker
Richard Hasstine
Timo Walker Jr
John Kimball
Benja Emery
Aaron Stevens
Joseph Hall Jun
Philip Carigain
Edward Abbott
Jeremiah Wheeler
Asa kimball
John Blanchard
Abiel Blancard
Jonathan Stickney
Benjamin farnum
Joseph Farnum
Enoch Coffin
Ebenezer Virgin
Daniel Hall
Nathel Abbott
Lemuel Tucker
William Coffin
David young
Moses Eastman jun

CONWAY.

[Originally known as *Pigwacket* or *Pequawket*. Granted as Conway, Oct. 1, 1765, to Daniel Foster and others. Grants to Lieuts. Hugh Sterling, Samuel Stark, and Archibald Stark were annexed June 14, 1800. The farms of Jonathan Hardy and Edward Shirley were severed from Conway and annexed to Chatham, June 26, 1823.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 141; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 409; Index to Laws, 125; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 815; History of the White Mountains, by Lucy Crawford, 1845, ch. X; History of North Conway, by B. D. Eastman, 1880, in files of *The Idler;* Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, chap. XIII; The White Hills, by T. Starr King, 1859, p. 149; The Intervale, by Winfield S. Nevins, 1887, pp. 60; The March of Capt. Samuel Willard, by C. E. Fay, 2, Appalachia, 336; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 2d series, 1852, p. 334; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 12; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 582; grants to Hugh Sterling, Archibald Stark, and Samuel Stark, with Madison papers; The White Mountains, A Guide to their Interpretation, by Julius H. Ward, 1890, p. 26; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 39.]

[Conway Charter, 1765.]

*3–134 *Province of New Hampshire.

Conway

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GEORGE, the Third, By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our Council of the said Province; Have, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Nine equal Shares, all that

Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement Twenty Three Thousand & forty *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at a Beach Tree Standing in the Dividing Line between the Province of New Hampshire and the Province of the Massachusetts Bay at about Twenty Six Miles Distant from the Head of Salmon falls River & about Two Miles & one Quarter of A Mile Southerly of the Place where the afore Said Dividing Line first crosseth Saco River Said Beach Tree is Marked with the Letters B–g–t–n as also S. E: C– for South East Corner and from Said Tree runs on the afore Said Dividing Line North 8^{d} East Six Miles to a Beach Tree Marked with the aforesaid Letters B–g–t–n & also N–E–C– for the North East Corner thence turning Square off at Right Angles & runing North 82^{d} West Six Miles to a Beach Tree marked as afore Said Three Quarters of one Mile Westerly of Saco River Thence Turning at Right Angles & runs South Eight Degrees West Six Miles to a Maple Tree marked with the afore Said Letters & with S: W: C: for South West Corner & from thence turning off at Right Angles & runing South Eighty Two degrees East to the Bounds first above mentioned Standing in the afore Said Dividing Line of the afore Said Provinces And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Conway And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the
And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective
following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, *3–135 as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants.
Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agre-

able to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday in December next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Mr Daniel Foster who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1766

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1776 *One*

shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the First Day of October In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Five And in the Fifth Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,
With Advice of COUNCIL,
Theodore Atkinson Jun^{r} Sec^{ry}

Province of New Hamp^{r} October 1st 1765
Recorded according to the Original Patent under the Province [Seal]

℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec^{ry}

*The Names of the Grantees of Conway—Viz— *3–136

Daniel Foster	William Ladd	James Burley	
Joseph Eastman	Samuel Ayers Jun^{r}	Jonathan Stevens	
Asa Kimball	Joshua Heath	David Davis	
Andrew M^{c}Millen &	James osgood	Thomas Bragg	
Capt. W^{m} Stark one Share	Asa Foster	Peter Parker	
for the Use of the Mills	Moses Foster Jun^{r}	Josiah Johnson	
George Abbot [there.	Francis Carr	John Beverly Watts	
Joseph Eastman Jun^{r}	John Carr	The Hon^{ble} John Temple Esq.	
Thos Merrill	Ephraim Foster	The Hon^{ble} Theod^{r} Atkinson	} Esq^{rs}
Moses Eastman	David Carr	Dan^{l} Warner	
Henry Lovejoy	Elias Heath	Mark H'g Wentworth	
Obediah Eastman	Caleb Foster	Theodore Atkinson jun^{r}	
Nathaniel Eastman	Daniel Ingalls	Nath^{l} Barrell	
Andrew Button	Benjamin Ingalls	Peter Levius	
Eph^{m} Carter	John Marston	Jon^{a} Warner	} Esq^{rs}
Reuben Kimball	John Marston Jun^{r}	Clem^{t} March	
Richard Ayres	W^{m} Ingalls	John Lang	
Jacob Ayres	John Ingalls	John Tufton Mason Esq. &	

Perly Ayres	Moses Foster	Henry Sherburne Esq.
Nathaniel Perly	Samuel Ingalls	Speaker of the Assembly—
Ebenezer Burbank	John Johnson	
Peter Ayres	David Hicks	
Samuel Morrill	Arthur Bennet	

A Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres for his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq as marked B: W: in the Plan which is to be Accounted Two of the within Shares.—One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts—one Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established one Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in Said Town, & one Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town for ever—

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal the first Day of October, 1765

℔ T Atkinson Jun Secʳʸ

Copy of the Plan taken from the Back of the Original Charter of Conway under the Province Seal the 1st Day of October 1765
T Atkinson Jun Secry

[CONWAY REGRANT, 1772.]

*Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God of Great Britian France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c. *1–433

TO ALL to whom these presents shall come. GREETING.

[Grant to Sterling and Stark, 1765.]

*1-289 *Province of New Hampshire.

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c[a]

To all to whom these Presents Shall come Greet-

Sterling & Stark ing—

Whereas we have tho[t] fit by our Proclamation given at S[t] James's the Seventh Day of October in the the third Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1763 (amoungst other Things to Testify our Royal Sence & Approbation of the Conduct & Bravery of the officers & Soldiers of our Armies and to Signify our desire to reward the Same & have therein Com'anded and Impowered our Several Governours of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to Grant without fee or reward to such reduced officers as have served in North America during the late War and to such Private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there and Shall Personally Apply such Quantitys of Land respectivly as in & by our afores[d] Proclamation are Perticularly mentioned Subject nevertheless to the same Quit Rents & Conditions of Cultivations & Improvements as other our Lands are subject in the Province within which they are granted and whereas *Hugh Sterling* of Londonderry in our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid Gentleman had our appointment as Lieutenant And *Archibald Stark* of Dunbarton in the same Province Gentleman had also our appointment as Lieutenant in our Independent Company of Rangers and Served During the late War in North America & both of them are now reduced and they having (agreable to our aforesaid Proclamation personaly solicited such Grants Know Ye that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & mere Motion do Signify our approbation as aforesaid & for Encouraging the Settlement & Cultivation of our Lands within our Province of New Hampshire in New England have by & with the advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff in & over our Said Province of New Hampshire and of our Council of Said Province of New Hampshire (agreable to our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation) and upon the Conditions & Reservations herein after mentioned) given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do give & Grant unto the Said *Hugh* & to the Said *Archibald* & to thier Heirs & Assigns forever the following Tracts or Parcells of

Land (Viz) unto the Said *Hugh* a Certain Parcel of Land containing Two Thousand Acres lying & being within the Said Province of New Hampshire butted & bounded as follows Viz Beginning at the South East Corner of Conway at a Beach Tree standing in the Province Line thence North 82 degrees West 400 rods to a Stake & Stones Standing in the Southerly Side Line of Said Conway then South 8 Degrees West Eight Hundred Rods to a Stake & Stones then South 82 deg East four Hundred rods to a Stake & Stones Standing in the Said Province Line thence on Said Line Eight Hundred Rods to the Beach Tree the South East Corner Bounds of Conway where it began at And to the Said *Archibald* Other Two Thousand Acres of Land being within the Said Province of New Hampshire butted & bounded as follows (Viz) Begining at the North West Corner of the Said Hugh Sterlings Land at a Stake & Stones thence runing on the Souther* Side of the Town of Conway aforesaid North *1–290 82 degs West 400 rods to a Stake & Stones thence South Eight degrees West Eight Hundred Rods to a Stake & Stones thence South 82 degrees East four Hundred Rods to a Stake & Stones thence North Eight Degrees East Eight Hundred Rods to where it began To have & to hold the Said Tracts of Land in Severalty in Man'er as aforesaid unto the Said Hugh Sterling & Archibald Stark & to thier Several & Respective Heirs & Assigns forever upon the following Conditions & Reservations (Viz) (1st) That the Said Hugh & the Said Archibald their Several & respective Heirs & Assigns shall Plant & Cultivate five Acres of Land in Each Tract above granted within five Years Term for every Fifty acres containd in Each Tract & shall continue to improve & Settle the Same by aditional cultivating on Penalty forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us & them regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same 2dly that all white Pine Trees & other Pine Trees within the Said Tracts fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully Preserved for that Use & none to be cutt or felled without our especial Licence for so doing first had & obtain'd upon Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Several & respective Rights of the Said Grantee or Grantees his or their Heirs or assigns to us our Heirs or Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted—3dly Yielding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of Ten Years to be Computed from the Date hereof the rent of One Ear of Indian Corn

[Grant to Sterling and Stark, 1765.]

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only on the 25th Day of December annually if Lawfully Demanded—4ly the Said Grantees & each of them their Heirs or Assigns shall Yield & Pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year forever from and after the Expiration of Ten Years from the abovesd 25th Day of December Annually namely on the 25th Day of December which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1775 One Shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred acres they so owns Settles or Possess and so in Proportion for a Greater or lessor Tract or Tracts of Said Lands which Money Shall be paid by the respective owners, Settlers or Possessors as aforesaid in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth in the Province aforesaid or to such officer or officers as Shall be appointed to receive the Same and this to be in Lieu of all Other Rents & Services whatsoever In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our aforesaid Governour & Com'ander in Chieff the Thirty first Day of October in the Year of our Lord Christ 1765 & in the Sixth Year of Our Reign

B Wentworth

By his Excellency's Comand
with advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Junr Secry

Entered & Recorded According to the the Original Charter under the Province Seal the 31st day of October 1765

℔ T Atkinson Jun Secry

*1–291 *Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth 31 October 1765 Then the above mentioned Grantees Viz Hugh Sterling & Archibald Stark Personally appeared & made Solemn Oath that the above Grants of Land to them respectivly made as above are bona Fide all the Land which they or Either of them have reievd by Virtue of his Majestys Proclamation in the above Grant mentioned & they nor Either of them do Expect any further Grant for Services therein mentioned—

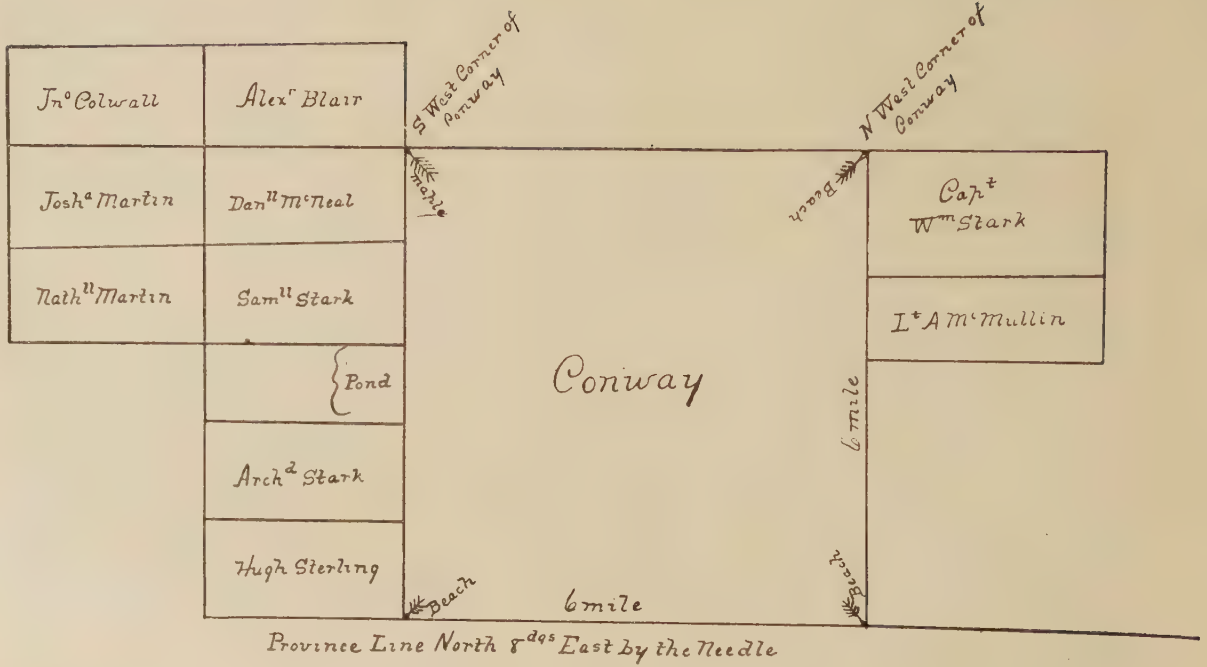
Both Sworne befor Me—Wyseman Clagget Jus-Peace

Recorded from the Bottom of the original Charter this 31st of Octobr 1765

℔ T: Atkinson Jun Secry

This Diagram Contains A Discription of the Grants of the Township of Conway & the Several Grants to officers bounding thereon or &ca

Attestr T Atkinson Jun Secry


Jn° Colwall
Alexr Blair
Joshª Martin
Danll Mcneal
Nathll Martin
Samll Stark
Pond
Archd Stark
Hugh Sterling
S West Corner of Conway
N West Corner of Conway
Marble
Beach
Capt Wm Stark
Lt A Mcmullin
Conway
6 mile
Beach
Beach
6 mile
Province Line North 8 degs East by the Needle

CORNISH.

[Formerly known as *Mast Camp*. Granted as Cornish, June 21, 1763, to Rev. Samuel McClintock and others. The charter was renewed Dec. 21, 1768. The line between Cornish and Grantham was established Dec. 3, 1808. A portion of Croydon was annexed June 24, 1809, and a portion of Grantham, Dec. 25, 1844.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 145; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 433; Index to Laws, 128; sketch, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 141; Historical Facts Relating to, by H. Chase, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 153; Batchelder's History of the Eastern Diocese, P. E. Church, 1876, p. 247; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 8, 13; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 435; Life of Salmon P. Chase, by J. W. Schuckers, 1874; Life and Public Services of Salmon Portland Chase, by Robert B. Warden, 1874; Reminiscences and Autobiography, by Philander Chase, 1848.]

[Cornish Charter, 1763.]

*3–66 *Province of New-Hampshire.

Cornish

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GEORGE, the Third,

By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our Council of the said Province; Have, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy Six equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement 23040 *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways

and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at A Tree Marked with the figures 2 & 3 Standing on the Bank of the easterly Side of Connecticut River which is the South Westerly Corner Bounds of the Town of Plainfield from thence runing South Seventy Six degrees East by Plain Field to A Stake & Stones which is the South Westerly Corner of Grantham & North Westerly Corner of Croydon thence South fifteen Degrees West by Croydon afore Said Six Miles to the North Westerly Corner of Newport thence turning off & running North 77^{degs} West Six Miles to a Tree Standing on the Easterly Bank of Connecticut River Marked with the Figures 1 & 2—then up the river as that Trends to the Bounds began at And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Cornish And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

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annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more Days in *3-67 each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Second Monday of July next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Clement March Esq^{r} who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1763

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or Possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Twenty first Day of June In the Year of our Lord CHRIST,

One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty three And in the Third Year of our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His Excellency's Command,
With Advice of Council,
Theod[r] Atkinson jun[r] Sec[ry]

Prov[e] of New Hamp[r] Octob[r] 1—1763
Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Pro[v] Seal

℔ T Atkinson Jun[r] Sec[ry]

*The Names of the Grantees of Cornish *3–68

M[r] Sam[ll] M[c]Clintock	Joshua Hains	W[m] Cate Jun[r]
Samuel Ayers	Eleaz[r] Cate	Sam[ll] Whidden
Ensign John Whidden	Tho[s] Sherburne	Walter Bryant Esq
Cap[t] Philip Johnson	Enoch Clark	Greenleaff Clark
Josiah Clark	Will[m] Jenkins jun[r]	Simeon Dearborn
Will[m] Wallis Jun[r]	Josiah Foss	Cap[t] James Neal
Thomas Berry	Will[m] Berry	Nathan Marston
Cap[t] George Frost	Benj[a] Philbrook	Sam[ll] Hains
Noah Emery	Nath[ll] Huggins Jun[r]	John Huggins
John Hill	Cap[t] John Dudley	Bracket Johnson
Jon[a] Barker	Thomas Johnson	Lieu[t] Nathan Johnson
Hunking Wentworth Esq	John Weeks	Cap[t] William Weeks
Nath[ll] Goss	Deco[n] Ebenez[r] Cate	Will[m] Pottle Jun[r]
John Grow	Philip Babb Jun[r]	Samuel Dearborn
Wyseman Clagget Esq	Lieu[t] Ebenez[r] Clark	Daniel Cate
Nath[ll] March	Daniel Peirce Esq	Maj[r] Jon[a] Moulton
Thomas March	M[r] Jon[a] Greeley	Cap[t] Nath[ll] Bracket
Cap[t] George March	George Bracket	Doctor Hall Jackson
Lieu[t] Paul March	Stephen March	Joseph Jackson Esq Boston
William Blazo	Clem[t] March Esq	Joseph Storer Esq
W[m] M[c]Clune	Doct[r] John Hale	Levert Hubbard

The Hon[ble] John Temple, Theod[r] Atkinson, W[m] Temple, Mark Hun[g] Wentworth } Esq[rs] John Fisher Nath[ll] Dowse and Sam[ll] Fabion

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A Tract to Contain five Hundred Acres as Marked B–W– in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares—One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign

Parts one Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established One Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel & one Share for the Benefit of A School in s^d Town

Province of New Hamp^r Octo–1–1763
Recorded According to the Original on the Back of the Original Charter of Cornish

℔ T Atkinson Jun^r Sec^ry

Prov^e of New Hamp^r Octob^r 1^st 1763
Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Cornish under the Prov^e Seal

℔ T Atkinson Jun^r Sec^ry

[GRANT TO MOSES CHASE, 1772.]

*Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c *1–405

L. S.

{ Moses Chase's Grant } TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come. GREETING.

KNOW YE that we of our special grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragment of settling & cultivating our Lands within our Province aforesaid, by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^r our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire & of our Council of the same, Have (upon the Conditions and Reservations herein particularly recited and expressed) given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give & grant unto our leige and loving Subject MOSES CHASE of Cornish in the County of Cheshire and Province aforesaid Esq^r and to his Heirs & Assigns for ever a certain Tract or parcel of Land containing by Admeasurement Five hundred Acres, situate lying and being in our said Province as by a plan or Survey thereof (exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto *annexed) may more fully and at large appear, Butted & Bounded as follows Viz^t Beginning at a Stake and Stones standing on the bank of Connecticut River on the North side of Blow-me-down Brook (so called) from thence running South 76 degrees East 288 Rods to a Stake and Stones, from thence running South 15 Degrees West 283 Rods to a Stake & Stones, from thence running North 76 Deg^s West 286 Rods to a Stake & Stones standing on the bank of Connecticut River aforesaid, from thence up said River to the Bounds first mentioned. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above express'd to him the said Moses Chase and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever upon the following Terms Conditions and Reservations Viz^t *1–406

FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut clear and make passable for Carriages &c. a Road of three Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall at any Time hereafter be directed or Order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in Two years from the date of such order or direction of the Gov^r &

Council aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

SECOND That the said Grantee shall settle or Cause to be settled Two Families in Three Years from the date of this Grant, in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

THIRD That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the Premises his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament

FOURTH Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the 24th day of January 1774, the Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

FIFTH That the said Grantee his Heirs & Assigns shall yield & pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and
*1-407 every Year for *Ever from and after the expiration of Two Years from the date of this Grant: ONE Shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid, which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same: And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esqr our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the 24th day of January in the 12th year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J Wentworth

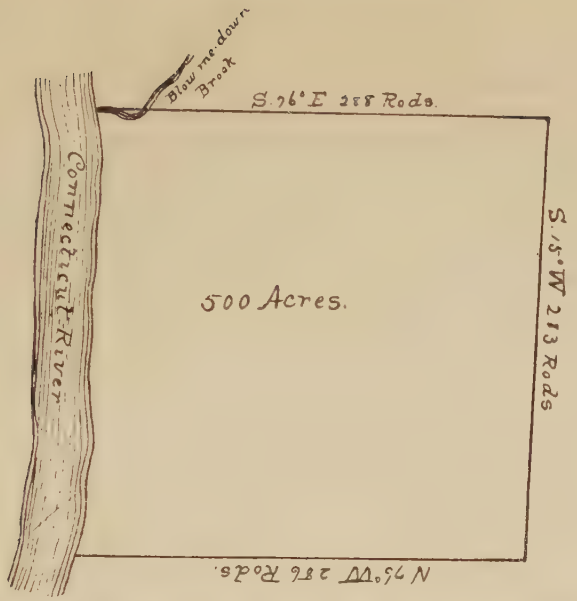
By his Excellency's Command }
with advice of Council }

The words "Money for every Hundred acres" being interlined previous to signing & sealing.

Theodore Atkinson Secretary

Province of New Hampshire 25th Janry 1772.

Recorded according to the Original Patent under the Province Seal.



Province of New Hampshire—Portsmouth 22ᵈ January 1772.

These may Certify that this Plan Beginning at a Stake & Stones standing on the bank of Connecticut River on the North side of Blowmedown Brook so called, from thence running S. 76° E. 288 Rods to a Stake & Stones, from thence running South 15° W. 283 Rods to a Stake and Stones, from thence running N. 76° W. 286 Rods to a Stake & Stones standing on the bank of Connecticut River aforesaid, from thence up said River to the Bounds first mentioned—Contains 500 Acres of Land, & is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me by Captⁿ Jona Chase Depʸ Surveyor

attest Is: Ringe Survʳ Genˡ—

[Draft of Charter of Coulerain, 1726.]

[Farmer's Town Papers, Vol. I, p. 369.]

George by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defendʳ of the faith &cᵃ—

To all People to whom These Presents Shall Come Greeting—

KNOW YEE that WE of OUR especial knowledge and mere Motion for y^e^ due encouragement of Settling a new Plantation and for the Increase of Naval Stores by and with the advice and consent of OUR council have given and granted and by These PRESENTS as far as in Us lies Do give and grant unto Sundry of Our beloved Subjects whose names are Entered in a Schedule hereunto annexed, and in the manner hereafter Express'd a Certain Tract of land lying and being within OUR Province of New Hamp^r^ bounded as followeth (viz^t^) Begining at Rochester northerly Corner bounds at or near Salmon-fall river runing along Rochester head line keeping the Course of that line till twelve miles be accomplish'd, and from Each end of the Said twelve mile line to run northwest half a Point notherly ten miles and then to run a Streight line from the end of one ten mile line to the end of the other which will be parralel to Rochester head line first mentioned, And That the Same be a Town Corporate by y^e^ name of COULERAIN To the Persons aforesaid forever to be divided into Moietys or two Equal Parts by a Divisional line to run through the Middle of the Town upon a Northwest half notherly point of the Compass the Southwestward moiety to be to one part of the Proprietors and the northeasterly moiety to another part of the Proprietors as Shall be fully Set forth Express'd and Explain'd in The Annexed Schedule TO HAVE AND TO HOLD The S^d^ Tract of land In Moietys The one half part to one part of the Proprietors and the other half part to the other part of the Proprietors as will hereafter In the Said annexed Schedule be fully Express'd—Upon The following Conditions

1^st^ That Every Proprietor of the northeasterly Moiety of the Said Town build a Dwelling house and Settle a family Therein within two years, and pay his and their respective Proportions to all Town and Province Taxes and Charges as the Same Shall be lawfully demanded—

2^d^ That a Meeting house be built in Some Convenient Place in the northeasterly district or Moiety of the S^d^ Town at the charge of the Proprietors of the S^d^ Northeasterly Moiety or District for the Publick worship of God within Three Years—

3^d^ That upon Default of any Particular Proprietor in Complying with the Terms of this Charter Such Delinquent Proprietor shall forfeit his respective right or Share to Us our heirs and Successors, any Thing in This Charter Contain'd To the Contrary Thereof notwithstanding. PROVIDED nevertheless That three Proprietors shares be reserved in Each of the S^d^ Moietys or Dis-

tricts, ONE for the first Minister forever, ONE for a Parsonage forever, And the OTHER for a School forever in Each of the Said Moietys or Districts RENDERING and paying therefor To US OUR HEIRS AND SUCCESSORS or Such Officer as Shall be appointed to receive the Same the annual Quit-Rent or Acknowledgem^{t} of ten pounds of Hemp and one barrel of Tar upon the last day of October yearly and Every year forever (if lawfully demanded) That is to Say The Proprietors of the Southwest Moiety to pay the hemp and the Proprietors of the Northeast Moiety to pay the Tar RESERVING also unto US OUR HEIRS AND SUCCESSORS all Mast Trees growing on the Said tract of land AND for the better order rule and Goverm^{t} of the Said Two Districts or Moietys of the Said Town WE do by these Presents for US OUR HEIRS AND SUCCESSORS Grant unto The Proprietors of the S^{d} Two Districts or Moietys respectively yearly and every year to hold Town meetings Seperately and independantly one of another as if they were Two Towns and to Transact all Their Town affairs Seperatly as fully as any Town in This Province of New Hamp^{r} doth or Ought to Do according To law. AS ALSO WE GIVE & GRANT unto the Proprietors of the Said Northeasterly District or Moiety To have hold and Enjoy Two Fairs yearly to be held and kept on the last wednesday in May and the Second wednesday in September and So de anno in annum forever IN TESTIMONY whereof We have Caused the Publick Seal of OUR Said Province to be hereunto affixed WITNESS JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^{r} Lieutenant Governour and Command^{r} in Chief of OUR Said Province of New Hampshire the first day of Decemb^{r} in the thirteenth year of OUR Reign Annoq Domini 1726—

By order of His Hon^{r} the L^{t} Gov^{r} by and wth the advice of y^{e} Coun^{l}

CROYDON.

[Granted May 31, 1763, to Samuel Chase and others. The charter was renewed Dec. 21, 1768. The line between this town and Grantham was established Dec. 3, 1808, by which Croydon lost some territory to Grantham. A tract was severed and annexed to Cornish, June 24, 1809.

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 463; Index to Laws, 136; sketch, by Edmund Wheeler, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 150; Historical Sketch, by L. Cooper, 6, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 212; Centennial Celebration, 1867, pp. 173; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 9; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 443.]

[Croydon Charter, 1763.]

*2-401 *Province of New-Hampshire.

Croydon

GEORGE The Third,
By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c.
To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New Hampshire, in *New-England*, and of our Council of the said Province; Have, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy one equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three thousand & forty *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the Northerly Corner Bounds of Newport thence Runing South Sixty Six Degrees East Six Miles & one Quarter of a Mile by Newport aforesaid to the Easterly Corner thereof then turning off & runs North Sixteen Degrees East five Miles & one Quarter of a Mile to the Southerly Corner of Grantham thence turning off & runing North Sixty one Degrees West Six Miles & one half by Grantham aforesaid to the Westerly Corner thereof then Turning off again & runing South fifteen degrees West Six Miles to the Corner of Newport began at. And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Croydon And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the

said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more *2-402 Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Last Monday of June next which said Meeting shall be Notified by M^r^ Samuel Chase who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the

said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1763

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs and Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 31 Day of May In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three And in the Third Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,
With Advice of COUNCIL,
Theodore Atkinson Junr Secry

Province of New Hampr May 31, 1763

Recorded according to the Original charter under the Province Seal

T Atkinson Junr Secry

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*2–403 *Names of the Grantees of the Township of Croydon

Samuel Chase	Ephraim Sherman	James Wellmon
John Hollan	Antipas Hollon	Enoch Marble
Jona Chase	Thomas Dana	John Stow
Moses Chase	Seth Chase	Stephen Hall

Daniel Chase
Samuel Chase Jun^{r}
David Temple
William Wait
Luke Drury
Daniel Chase Jun^{r}
James Taylor
Moses Whipple
Solomon Chase
Daniel March
Joseph Vinson
David Sherman
James Richardson
William Dudley
James Whipple
John Whipple
Silas Hazeltine
Ephraim Sherman Jun^{r}
Ebenezer Waters
Gershom Wait
March Chase
James M^{c}Clening
Solomon Lealand
Benjamin Wood
Joseph Whipple
Benjamin Lealand
Samuel Ayers
Timothy Darling
Ebenezer Rawson
Daniel Putnam
Abraham Temple
Joseph Merram
Willis Hall
Jonathan Hale
John Temple
Dudley Chase
Hon^{ble} Richard Wibird Esq
Phineas Lealand
Solomon Aldridge
Jonathan Aldridge
Caleb Chase
Silas Warring
Moody Chase
Hon^{ble} John Downing Esq
Jonas Brown
Samuel Sherman
Samuel Dudley
Benjamin Morse
Benjamin Morse Jun^{r}
Benjamin Wallis
Hon^{ble} Daniel Warner Esq
Rev^{d} M^{r} Stephen Chase & Rev^{d} M^{r} Parsons of Rye

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres, as Marked B W in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares, One whole Share for the Incorporated [Society] for the Propagation of the Gosple in Foreign Parts, One whole Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established, One whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel & One Whole Share for the Benefit of a School in said Town—

Province of New Hampshire May 31st 1763
Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

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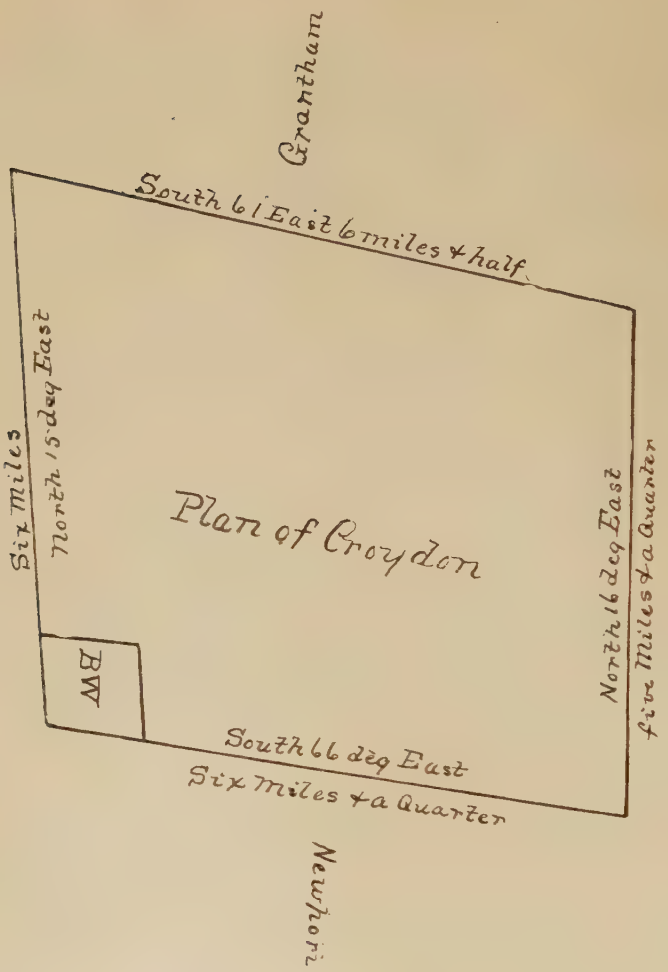


Province of New Hampshire May 31st 1763
Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Croydon under the Province Seal

℔ T Atkinson Junr Secry

[CROYDON CHARTER RENEWED, 1768.]

*Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c^a *1-321

Croydon Charter lengthen'd out.

L S.

WHEREAS we of our special Grace & mere motion for the due encouragement of Setling a new Plantation within our Province of New Hampshire by our Letters Patent or Charter under the Seal of our said Province Dated the 31^st day of May 1763 in the Third year our Reign a tract of land equal to Six miles square bounded as therein expressed to a number of our Loyal Subjects whose names are entered on the same to hold to them their Heirs and Assignes on the Conditions therein declared to be a Town Corporate by the name of Croydon as by referrence to the said Charter may more fully appear.—and whereas the said Grantees have Represented unto us that by reason of the Great inconveniencies which occur in the settlement of New Townships so remotely Situated from any other Settlements that can afford any Assistance, hath rendered it impracticable for the whole number of Grantees to perform that part of the Conditions that relates to the Cultivation of such a proportion of the said Grant; That there are Fifteen Families now Setled on the Premises and a good passable Road cut to about the middle of the said Township, which affords them hopes of a final Settlement without delay—and humbly Supplicating us not to take advantage of the breach of said Conditions but to lengthen out & grant them some further time for the performance thereof—Now KNOW YE that we being willing to promote the end proposed—HAVE of our further Grace and favor suspended our claim of the forfeiture which the said Grantees may have incurred, & by these Presents do grant unto the said Grantees their heirs and *Assignes, the term of FOUR Years for performing and fulfilling the Conditions, matters and things by them to be done as aforesaid, except the Quit rents which are to remain due, and payable, as expressed and Reserved in the Original Grant or Charter. *1-352

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Jn^o Wentworth Esq: our Governor & Commander in Cheif the 21^st day of Decem^r in the Ninth year of our Reign Annoque Dom: 1768

J' Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command^{r}
with advice of Council.
T: Atkinson Jun^{r} Sec^{ry}

Recorded according to the Original this 21st Decem 1768.
Att: Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

DALTON.

[This was a portion of the territory granted as *Chiswick* (afterwards *Apthorp*), to James Avery and others, Nov. 17, 1764. Set off from *Apthorp* and incorporated Nov. 4, 1784. Named in honor of Tristram Dalton, one of the proprietors. At the time of the division, the rest of *Apthorp* became the present town of Littleton.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 123; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 472; XII, *id.*, 424; Index to Laws, 139; sketch, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 506; Address of Adams Moore, 1859, Littleton Centennial, 1884, p. 299; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 2d series, 1852, p. 239; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 606; Along the John Stark River, by Levi W. Dodge, 1882, 5, Granite Monthly, 357; note on Littleton, *Post*.]

DANVILLE.

[Set off from Kingston and incorporated by the name of *Hawke*, Feb. 22, 1760. Named in honor of Admiral Hawke of the British navy. The estates of Daniel Brown and twenty others were severed from Fremont and annexed to *Hawke*, June 20, 1783. The name was changed to Danville June 18, 1836. A small part of Hampstead was annexed June 28, 1877.

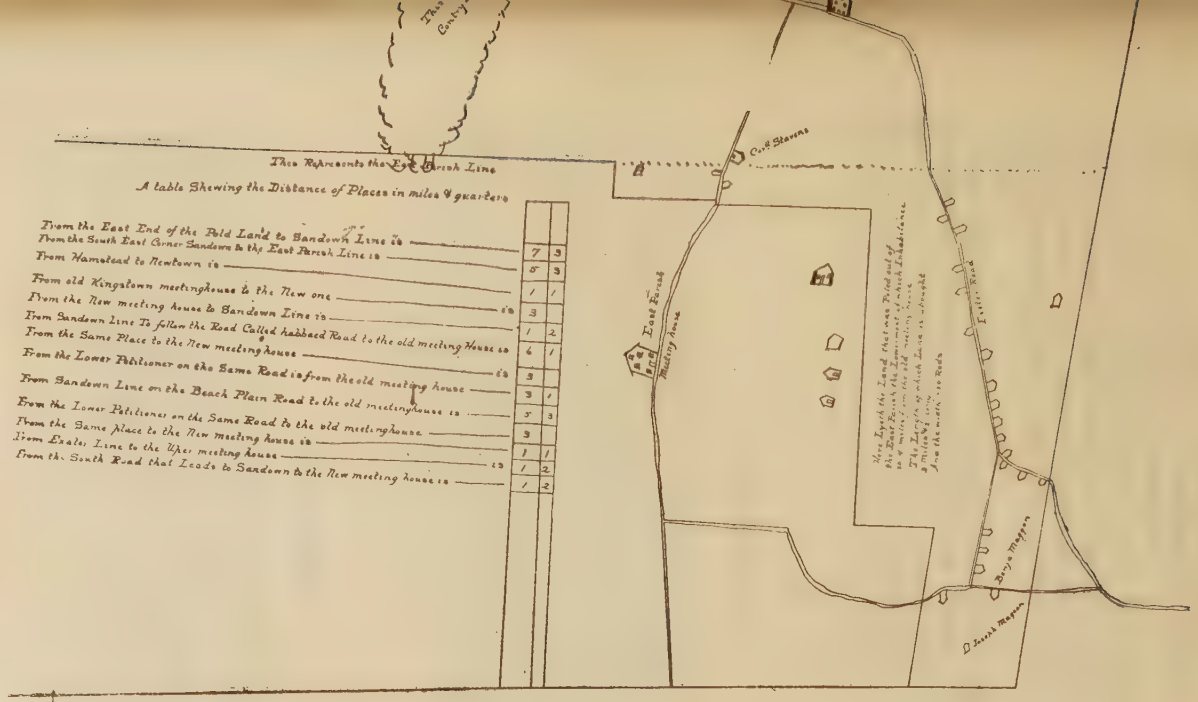
See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 479; Index to Laws, 141; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 161; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 7; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375: Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 35.]

[Description of Plan of Hawke.]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries" p. 174.]

Begining at the north west Corner of Cap^{t} Sam^{ll} Fifelds North Grants Joining Exeter Line So runing Southerly on S^{d} Fifelds Southwest Corner at the North Road in Kingston From thence to Run South Ten Degrees west So far as for a west point to Strike

[Mss. "Town


This Represents the East Parish Line
A table Shewing the Distance of Places in miles & quarters
From the East End of the Bald Land to Sandown Line is
From the South East Corner Sandown to the East Parish Line is
From Hamstead to Newtown is
From old Kingstown meetinghouse to the New one
From the New meeting house to Sandown Line is
From Sandown Line To follow the Road Called Isabbaed Road to the old meeting House is
From the Same Place to the New meeting house
From the Lower Petitioner on the Same Road is from the old meeting house
From Sandown Line on the Beach Plain Road to the old meetinghouse is
From the Lower Petitioner on the Same Road to the old meetinghouse
From the Same Place to the New meeting house is
From Esales Line to the Upper meeting house
From the South Road that Leads to Sandown to the New meeting house is
7 3
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6 1
3
3 1
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Meeting house
Forest Road
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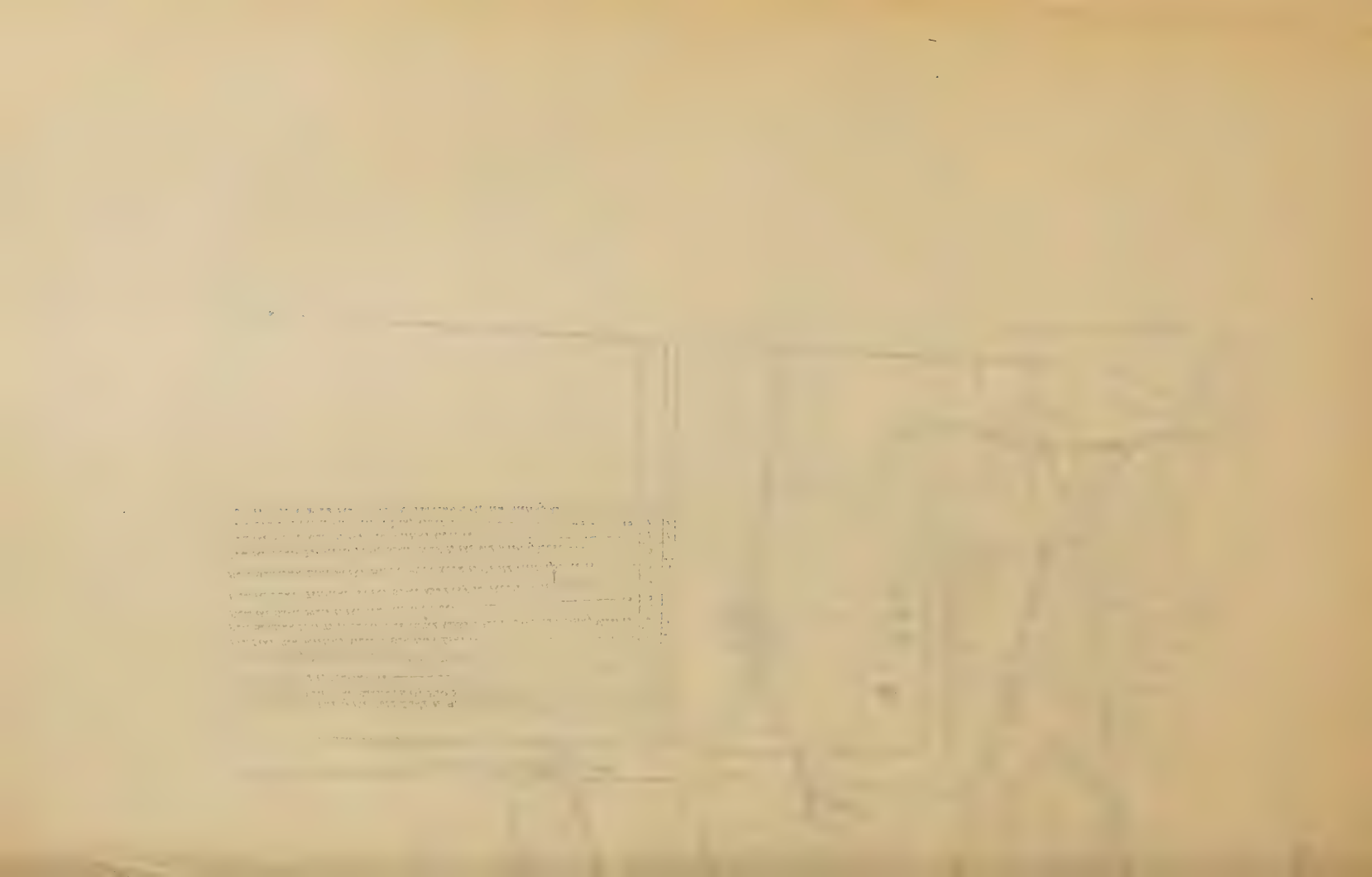

Hamstead North East Corner So binding on Hamstead to Sandown than Northerly on Sandown to Exeter than Easterly on Exeter to the Bounds first mention[d]

The s[d] Partees agree that all those that Petitioned a Pole may have the oppertunity And the Heirs & assigns of those Persons that Pole out of the above Bounded may have the Liberty of three months to make their Chose in which Parish they & Estates Shall Stand

And Whereas the Dividing line as above Agreed to between the parties may Run through & Divide Land belonging to Sundry persons, it is ment that all such Lands shall belong to the parish & be so Accounted Where the Owner or Owners of said Land Live provided they live In the Old or New parish

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DEERFIELD.

[Set off from Nottingham and incorporated Jan. 8, 1766. Said to be named from the large number of deer then seen in that vicinity.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 147; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 483; Index to Laws, 145; History of Nottingham, Deerfield and Northwood, by Elliott C. Cogswell, 1878, pp. 790; Account of Fall Fight, 1676, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 287; 41, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 201; Bill of Mortality, 1802-21, by N. Weare, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 199; Action of, 1776, on Question of Armed Resistance to the Crown, 24, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 5; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 164; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 7, 16; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 35; Butler's Book, by Benjamin F. Butler, 1892.]

DEERING.

[This town was originally a part of *Cumberland*, or *Society Land*. It was incorporated Jan. 17, 1774, and named by Gov. John Wentworth in honor of his wife, whose maiden name was Frances Deering.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 759; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 490; Index to Laws, 146; sketch, by George C. Patten, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 366; Life of James W. Grimes, by William Salter, 1876; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 162.]

[Deering Incorporated, 1774.]

*4-183 *Province of New Hampshire } George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c[a]

To all People to whom these presents shall come greeting

Whereas our loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid commonly called and known by the name of the Society Land containing by estimation about six Miles square have humbly petitioned and requested us that they may be erected and incorporated into a Township and enfranchised with the same Powers & Priveleges which other Towns within our said Province by Law have and enjoy and it appearing to us to be

Dering formerly Society Land

*4-184 *conducive to the general Good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good order and encouraging the culture of the Land that the same should be done. Know Ye that we of our special Grace certain knowledge & for the encouragement & promotion of the good purposes and ends aforesaid by and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esquire our Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province and of our Council of the same have erected and ordained and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of said Tract of Land and others who shall improve and inhabit thereon hereafter, the same being butted and bounded as follows viz[t] Begining at the Northwest Corner of Francestown from thence East to the easterly side Line of the Society Land so called from thence North to the Corner of the said Society Land from thence by the said Society Land westerly to Contocook River bounding partly on the Towns of Henniker and Hillsborough from thence as said Contocook River runs so far as that an East Line shall strike the said North west Corner of Francestown from thence by said East Line to the Bounds first mentioned be and they are hereby declared to be a town corporate by the name of Dering to have continuance forever with all the Powers and authorities priveleges immunities and Franchises which any other Towns in our said Province by Law hold and enjoy to the said Inhabitants or those who shall hereafter inhabit these and to their Successors for-

ever always reserving to us our Heirs and Successors all white pine Trees that are or shall be found being & growing within & upon the said Tract of Land fit for the Use of our royal Navy Reserving also unto us our Heirs and Successors the Power of dividing said Town when it shall appear necessary and convenient for the Inhabitants thereof. Provided nevertheless and it is hereto declared that this Charter and Grant is not intended and shall not in any manner be construed to affect the private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid

And as the several Towns within our said Province* are *4–185 by the Laws thereof enabled and authorized to assemble and by the majority of the Voters present to chuse all Officers and transact such Affairs as in the said Laws are declared, We do by these Presents nominate and appoint William Clark Esq^r^ to call the first Meeting of the said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within ninety days from the date hereof giving legal notice of the time and design of holding such Meeting after which the annual Meeting for said Town shall be held for the choice of said Officers and the Purposes aforesaid on the first Tuesday in the Month of March annually

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief this seventeenth day of January in the Fourteenth Year of our reign Annoque Domini 1774

J : Wentworth

By his Excellencys command
with advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Sec^y^

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this 17^th^ day of January 1774

Attes^tr^ Geo : King Dep^y^ Sec^y^

DERRY.

[Set off from Londonderry and incorporated July 2, 1827. Named from Derry, Ireland.

See IX, Bouton Town papers, 479; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 429; Index to Laws, 147; sketch, by R. C. Mack, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 168; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 38, 43; Rededication of First Congregational Church, 1885, pp. 33; Dedication of Soldiers' Monument; History of Londonderry, comprising the towns of Derry and Londonderry, by Edward C. Parker, 1851, pp. 358; note on Londonderry, *post*.]

DORCHESTER.

[Granted July 8, 1761, to Henry Thompson and others. Regranted Nov. 21, 1766, to Samuel Hobart and others, and again, May 1, 1772, to John House and others.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 187; X, Bouton Province and State papers, 398, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 498; Index to Laws, 151; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 236; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 18; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 529.]

[Dorchester Charter, 1761.]

*2–41 *Province of New-Hampshire.

Dorchester

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GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New-Hampshire, in *New-England*, and of our Council of the said Province; Have upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty nine equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, twenty Three Thousand and Forty *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto

annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the South East Corner of Lime from Thence Runing North twenty degrees East Six miles by Lime from thence South Sixty one degrees East Six miles, from Thence South twenty degrees West Six miles from Thence North Sixty one degrees West Six miles to the first Mentioned Bounds—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Dorchester And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchised with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a market may be *opened *2–42 and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday of Aug Next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Cap^{t} John Thomson who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for

that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth* or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony wheref we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Eighth Day of July In the Year of our LORD CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one And in the first Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By HIS EXCELLENCY'S Command,
With Advice of COUNCIL,
Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Province N Hamp^{r} July 8th 1761

Recorded According to the original under the Province Seal in the Book of Charters

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

*The Names of the Grantees in Dorchester *2–43

Henry Thomson	Mathew Thomson	James Nelson
David Shaw Junr	William Sloan	Mathew Brown
John Nelson Senr	James Lamont Senr	George Shaw
James Smith	James Smith Junr	Sith Shaw Junr
Timoy Mackelwin Junr	Robert Hunter Junr	James McClaland
William Fleming	Samuel McClenethen	James Lamberton Junr
John Lamberton	John Quenton	John Ray
James Dickeson	William Mitchel	Robert Farrell
James Thomson	Hugh Smith	Patrick Smith
Joshua Shaw Palmr	Eleazer McNitt	James Lamberton
John Capen	Andrew McNitt	William Scott
James Thomson Brantry	Zachr Fosse	Timothy Sabin Esq
John Payton Junr	Thomas Wentworth	Solomon Blackmore
Samuel Blackmore	Charles Kavannah	Thomas Peverly
George Furnald	William Kennedy	Edward Eayres
Theodore Atkinson Junr	Nathl Fellows	William Blunt
Charles Blunt	John Ley	John Nelson
John Clark	John Wentworth Junr	Thomas Warren
Nathl Dowse	John Langdon	John Cutt
John Libby	M H Wentworth Esq	John Green
Theodore Atkinson Esq	Benning Wentworth	John Nelson Merchr

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A Tract of Land to Contain five hundred Acres as marked in the Plan B W which is to be Accounted Two of the within Shares One whole Share for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Parts one Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel one Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established one Share for the Benefit of the School in Said Town—

July 8th 1761 Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter
℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry

Province of New Hamp[r] July 8—1761
Recorded from the Back of the original Charter
℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec[ty]

[Dorchester Regrant, 1766.]

*3-166 *Province of New-Hampshire.

Dorchester GEORGE, the Third,

P. S By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our Council of the said Province; Have, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein

after made, given and granted, and by these presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Nine equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, 23040 *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the S E Corner of Lime, from thence running North 20 d^gs East Six miles by Lime, from thence South 61 d^s East 6 Miles from thence South 20 D^gs West Six miles from thence North 61^ds West Six miles to the first mention'd bounds.—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Dorchester And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchised with and Intitled to all and every the Privildeges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened *3-167 and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the which said Meeting shall be Notified by who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed,

together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1767

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1777 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said

Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 21st Day of November In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six And in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,
With Advice of COUNCIL,
T: Atkinson jr Secretary

Province of New Hampshire 22d Novemr 1766
Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

℔: T Atkinson Jun Secry

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*Names of the Grantees of Dorchester. *3–168

Saml Hobart	Sam: Cumings jr	Thoms Peverly
Benj. Abbott	Zachh Foss	John Marsh
Jno Thompson	Saml Cutt	John Briard
Jonas Johnson	Jas Lamberton	Hall Jackson
Noah Thompson	Sl McClanathen	Jno Wentworth Esqr
Amos Fisk	Bernd McNitt	Joseph Welch
Rufus Thompson	Abrm Hunter	Amos Beck
John Atwell	Isaac Hunter	Michl Martin
Matthew Thompson	Abrm Hunter jr	Theodr Atkinson jr Esq
Stephen Powers	Jacb Smith	Saml Hart jr
Jas. McLellan	Jno Quenton	George Ferneld
Noah Worcester	Timy Mackelwain	Bennig Wentworth
Henry Thompson	Jas Smith jr	Jas Hobart
Jas. Shannon	Willm Mitchell	Thos Patch
Seth Shaw	Will: Scott	Joshua Smith
Danl Emerson	Robt Terrill	Hugh Smith
Robt Hunter	Ewd Cutt	Henry Thompson
Benj. Stephens	James Hight	Jno Hobart
Solu Blackmore	Thoms Wentworth Esqr	Mk Hg Wentworth } Esqrs
Benj. Thompson	John Green	Theodre Atkinson } Esqrs
Lemuel Blackmore	Isaac Williams	Jno Nelson } Esqrs

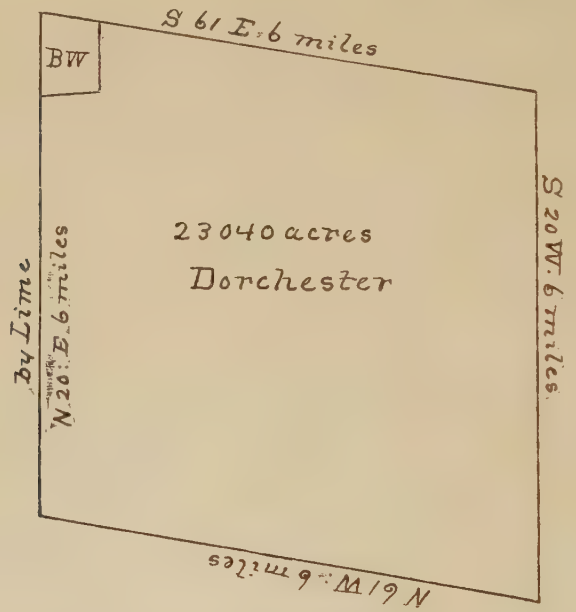
Five Hundred Acres for his Excellency Bennig Wentworth Esqr as mark'd B. W. in the Plan, which is to be accounted two of the within Shares. One share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Forreign Parts. One Share for a Glebe

for the Church of England as by Law Establishd. One Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel. One share for the benefit of a School in s[d] Town for Ever.

Province of New Hampshire 22[d] Nov[r] 1766

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Dorchester under the Province Seal.

℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec[ry]



Prov[e] of New Hampshire 22[d] Novem[r] 1766

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Dorchester under the Prov[e] Seal

℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec[ry]

[Dorchester Regrant, 1772.]

*4-73 *Province of New Hampshire (Dorchester.)

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith & so forth.

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting.—

KNOW YE, that we of our special grace certain knowledge & mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England & of our Council of the said Province; Have upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant in Equal Shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire & our other Governments and to their Heirs and Assigns for Ever, whose Names are enter'd on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into SEVENTY Two Equal Shares all that Tract or Parcel of Land called & known by the Name of Dorchester, situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire & containing by admeasurement Twenty three Thousand and Forty Acres, which Tract is to contain Six Miles Square, & no more; out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers One thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof made by our said Governor's Order & return'd into the Secretary's office, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted & bounded as follows, Viz^{t}. Beginning at the South East Corner of Lime, from thence running North Twenty Degrees East Six Miles by Lime, from thence South Sixty one degrees East Six Miles, from thence South Twenty Degrees West Six Miles, from thence North Sixty one Degrees West Six Miles to the first mentioned Bounds. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns for Ever, upon the following Conditions by the Name of DORCHESTER, Viz^{t}

FIRST That every Grantee his Heirs or Assigns shall plant & cultivate Five Acres of land within the term of five Years for every Fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or proportion of Land in said Township & continue to improve and Settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, & of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

SECOND That the Grantees at their own cost shall cut clear bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of three Rods wide *through the said Township, *4–74

which Road shall be completed in Two Years from the date of this Grant, in failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and Revert to us our Heirs and Successors and regranted to any of our Loving Subjects.

THIRD That the Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Twenty Families by the First day of May 1773, & continue to add yearly, Settlers thereunto, so that there shall be actually resident on the said Land Sixty Families by the first day of May 1777.—

FOURTH That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing, first had & obtained, upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be enacted.

FIFTH That before any Division of the Land be made to & among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

SIXTH Yielding and Paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors for the space of five Years to be computed from the Date hereof, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only on the Twenty fifth day of December annually if lawfully demanded, the first payment to be made on the Twenty fifth day of December 1772.

SEVENTH Every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors Yearly and every year for ever from and after the expiration of Five Years from the abovesaid Twenty fifth day of December, namely on the Twenty fifth day of December which will be in the year of our Lord 1777, ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or possesses & so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land: which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns in our Council chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH

Esquire our Governor & Commander in Chief aforesaid the First day of May in the Twelfth year of our Reign, and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1772.

By His Excellencys
Command with advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Secry

*The Names of the Grantees of Dorchester. *4–75

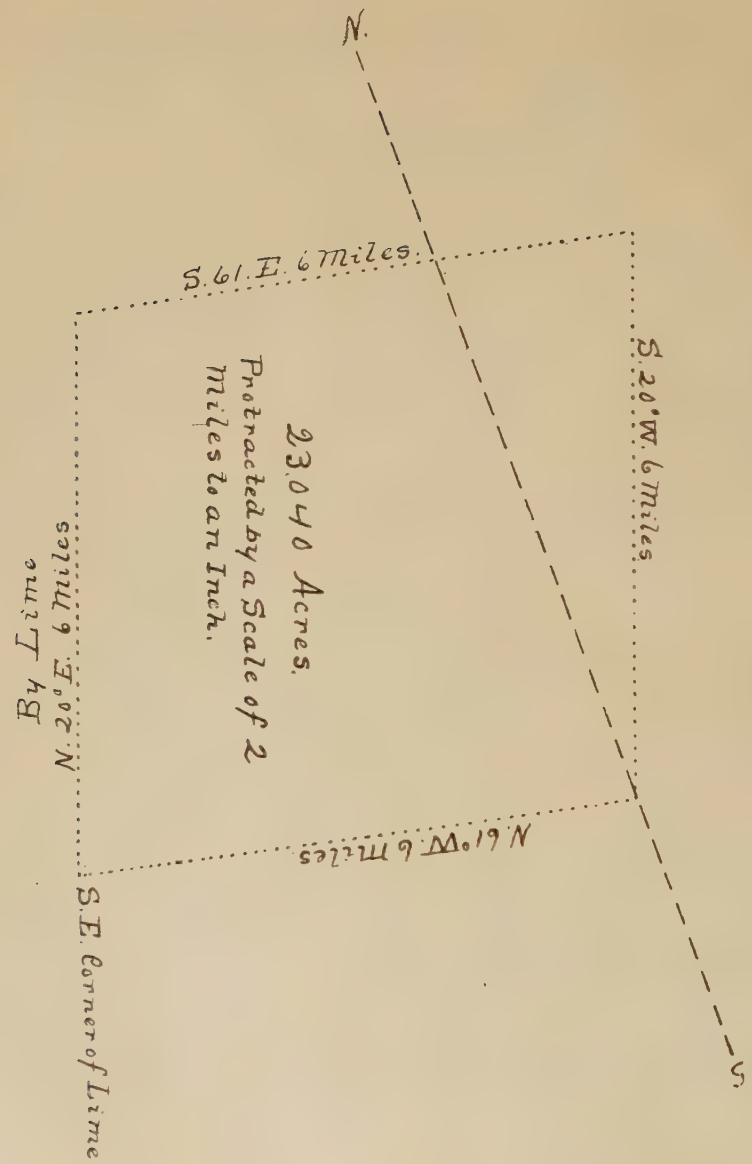
John House Esqr	Dr Hall Jackson	Samuel Parker
John Wright	John Marsh	Richard Cutt Shannon
Seth Wright	Isaac Williams	Joseph Pattinson
Samuel Wing	Joseph Day	John Nelson Esqr
Nathan West	William Welch	John Pingrey Williams
Thomas Bingham	Henry Sherburne	Robert Luist Fowle
Asahel Clark	Thomas Floyd	William Gardner
Otis Little	Thomas Daverson	John Wentworth Esqr Judge of Probate for this Province
Eleazar House	Joseph Sherburne	
David Woodward	Jacob Marston	Thomas MacDonogh Esqr
Ambrose Cushman	Giles Tiffany	Nathaniel Ray Thomas Esqr
Thomas Porter	William Yeaton	Wyseman Clagett Esqr
Asa Parker	James Melcher	Woodbury Langdon
Gideon Rudd	Samuel Hobart Esqr	John Sparhawk
Jonathan Freeman	Theodore Atkinson Esqr	Joshua Brackett
John Burnap	Mark Hg Wentworth Esqr	Ebenezer Lewis
Isaac Burnap	Daniel Peirce Esqr	Bozenger Salter
Bezaleel Woodward	John Parker Esqr	Joseph Ward
Timothy Bush	John Sullivan Esqr	Paul Langdon
Jonathan House	John Hurd Esqr	Joshua Wentworth
Benning Wentworth	William Simpson Esqr	John Marshall
John Smith	John Wendell Esqr	Ephraim Ham
Abijah Smith	Isaac Rindge Esqr	George Marshall Junr

One Right, for the Incorporated society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

One Right, for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law established.

One Right, for the first settled Minister of ye Gospel in sd town.

One Right, for the benefit of a School in said Town for Ever.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S. 61 E. 6 Miles.
S. 20° W. 6 miles.
23040 Acres.
Protracted by a Scale of 2 Miles to an Inch.
N. 61° W. 6 Miles.
By Lime
S. 20° E. 6 Miles
N. 20° E. 6 Miles
S.E. Corner of Lime

Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth 2d May 1772.
These may Certify that the above plan Contains near Twenty three thousand & forty Acres of Land.

Attest. Is. Rindge S. Gl

J' { L. S. } Wentworth.

Province of New Hampshire. Recorded according to the Original Grant, under the Province Seal this 4th day of May 1772.
Attest: Theodore Atkinson Secry

DOVER.

[Formerly known as *Cocheco* and *Northam*. The town was never formally incorporated, but early assumed a municipal organization. Submitted to the Massachusetts government in 1641. The name of Dover was taken from an English town. Newington was set off as a parish in 1713, and was given town privileges in 1764. Somersworth, including Rollinsford, was set off as a parish Dec. 19, 1729, and incorporated April 22, 1754. Durham, including Lee and a part of Madbury, was set off and incorporated May 15, 1732. Madbury, made up partly from Dover and partly from Durham, was set off as a parish May 31, 1755, and was given town privileges May 26, 1768. Dover was incorporated as a city June 29, 1855, and the charter was amended the following year.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 153; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 506; Index to Laws, 152; Farmer's Belknap's History of N. H., chapters 1 and 2, *et seq.*; Historical Memoranda, comprising 450 articles in the *Dover Enquirer*, 1850–1890, principally by Alonzo H. Quint, a few being contributed by John Wentworth, Ballard Smith, Charles Wesley Tuttle, and Mary P. Thompson; sketch, by Alonzo H. Quint, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 758; The First Parish, 1633–1883, by Alonzo H. Quint, 1884, pp. 148; Wentworth Genealogy, by John Wentworth, 1878, three volumes; Landmarks in Ancient Dover, by Mary P. Thompson, 1888, pp. 85, 2d ed., 1892, pp. 284; 11, Granite Monthly, 169 to 339; special papers relating to the early history of the town in appendix of this volume; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 20; History of the Catholic Church in the United States, by John G. Shea, 1890, vol. 3, 144; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 317; Manual of First Church, No. 1, 1876, No. 2, 1893; Historical Sketch of M. E. Church, by Rev. James Thurston, 1879, pp. 30; Sermon, at opening of new Universalist church, 1837, by Moses Ballou, 1838, pp. 15; Extracts relating to Dover and Hampton, from Capt. Johnson's History of New England, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 255, 261; Bi-Centennial Sermon on 200th Anniversary of Formation of First Congregational Church, 1838, by David Root, 1839, pp. 31; consult authorities cited under titles, Exeter, Hampton, Isles of Shoals, New Castle, and Portsmouth; also the several histories of New England and the citations in Bibliography of Dover, by John R.

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[Taxes in Dover, 1741.]

[Farmer's Ms. Town Papers, IV, 299.]

The Countepin of Dover Parish.

Thomas Millit Esq^{r}	1	9	0	Benjamin bodge	—	6	8
Cap^{t} Tho^{s} Tebbets	0	11	4	John Row	—	6	8
Eben^{r} Tuttel	0	15	0	Timothy Moses	—	10	—
John Clamants	0	12	4	Jonathan Danald	—	11	4
Richard Plumer	1	0	8	Arthar Danielson		16	8
Joseph Hall	0	7	8	Samuel Marthas	—		
Thomas Roberts	0	14	4	Ichabod Tebbets	—	5	8
Stephen Robarts	1	9	8	Howard Henderson Ju^{r}	1	6	8
Joseph Rankins	0	17	0	Eli Demerit Jun^{r}	—	7	0
Howard Henderson	—	9	8	Henry Bussell	—	12	4
Richman Henderson	—	9	8	John Daniel	—	6	8
Nathaniel Robarts	—	12	8	John Drew		14	8
John pirkins	—	12	4	Nathall Roberts Jun^{r}	0	6	8
Thomas Roberts Ju^{r}	—	6	8	Robert Willey	—	7	4
Elijah Tuttle	—	11	8	Daniel Buncker	0	9	—
John Bickford	—	8	8	William Appelby	0	6	8
Joshua Canney	—	10	8	Thomas Mudy	—	6	8
Thomas Ash	—	10	8	benjamin Bodge Jun^{r}	—	6	8
Joseph Bickford	—	10	4	Joseph Drew	—	10	—
Richard Husey	1	12	4	Paul Canney	—	6	8
John Bickford Ju^{r}	—	12	8	Ambros Bamtom	—	7	4
Joshua perkins	—	9	—	John Harvey	—	10	8
Samuel Chesley	—	17	4	Stephen Pinckham	—	9	8
Samuel Starbird	—	16	—	Clement Harvey	—	7	4
John Starbird	—	16	—	Thomas Rines	—	6	8
John Laighton	—	19	8	Jacob Daniel	—	12	4
Ens Israel Hodgdon	—	14	8	James Pinckam Jun^{r}	—	11	0
Ephraim Tebbets Jr	—	17	8	Vinc^{t} Tar	—	17	8
John Huckings	—	15	8	James Nute Jun^{r}	—	9	4
Shadrach Hodgdon	1	3	4	Paul Nute	—	6	8
Daniel Titcomb	—	18	0	Benjamin Williy		6	8
Daniel Harvey	—	12	4	James Chesley	—	14	4
John field	—	14	4	Heatevel Laighton	—	13	4
John field Jun^{r}	—	7	8	James Jackson	—	13	8
Job Demerit	1	0	4	John Plumer	—	7	4
Thomas Willey	—	15	4	Elisabeth Harford	—	7	0
James Pinckham	—	12	4	Aaron Roberts	—	6	8
L^{t} thomas Davis	—	19	8	Moses Roberts	—	6	8
Zach^{ry} Buncker	—	9	0	Elisabeth Young	—	6	4

Joseph Hall Jun^{r}	—	6	8	Nichlas Pours	—	6	8
Henry Tebbets	—	14	4	Samuel Roberts	—	6	8
David Daniel	—	15	0	Benjamin Roberts	—	13	4
John Ham Ju^{r}	1	1	—	Joseph Crumwell	—	7	8
John Giles	0	7	4	Benj^{a} Roberts Ju^{r}	—	17	0
Love Canney	—	7	4	Joseph Hutchings	—	6	8
Abner Young	—	7	4	Benjamin furbush	—	10	4
Tobias Rendal	—	7	4	Jacob Allen	—	8	0
Spencer allen	—	6	8	Joseph Allen	—	9	4
Treestirm Pinkham	—	15	4	Daniel Jacobs	—	10	4
Ichabod Bodge	—	6	8	Jonathan Ham	—	6	8
Morras fowler	—	6	8	Joseph Dam	—	9	—
James Tomson	—	6	8	Josiah Tucker	—	6	8

Tax on Sloops Thom^{s} Millet Esq^{r} £ 1—0—0

A Counterpin of the Parish List anno Domini 1741 Cochecho Parish.

Col^{o} Paul Gerrish Esq	2	2	5	Cap^{t} Roberts Evens		8	8
Samuel Ally	1	2	2	Will^{m} Demerit		13	6
John Ally	0	7	6	Joseph Evens		19	11
Joseph Abbet	0	7	6	Robert Evens Jun^{r}		13	2
Cap^{t} Tho^{s} Baker	0	9	5	John Evens		18	
Thomas Bickford	1	13	0	Daniel Evens		12	9
Henry Bickford	0	11	3	Joseph Evens Jun^{r}		9	5
Nicholas Brock	0	7	6	Benj^{a} Evens	1		8
John Bussell	0	15	0	Joseph Evens th^{d}		11	8
Will^{m} Bussell	0	12	0	Solomon Emerson	1	8	2
James Biber	0	9	9	Zech. Edgerly		18	9
Elijah Bunker	0	7	6	William Forst		7	6
Azariah Boody		10	2	Will^{m} Forst	1	2	3
Cap^{t} Trustirm Coffin	1	2	11	John Forst		7	6
Job Clemens	1	10	5	John Foye		9	
Daniel Clemens		7	6	John Foye		13	3
John Carter		8	5	Cap^{t} John Gage	1	7	9
Hezeriah Cook		10	2	Jabez Garlind	1	4	9
John Cloutman		9	5	John Gerrish	1	1	5
John Church		16	11	Nathaniel Garlind		18	
James Chesle		16	6	Reuben Gray		7	6
Richard Clark		7	6	L^{t} John Ham & his son Dodefer	2	2	—
Reuben Chesle		17	8	Benj Ham	1	11	11
James Clemens		7	6	Ephra : Ham	1	7	9
Joseph Conour		9					

L[t] James Davis	2	1	3	Nath: Ham		15	5
Francis Drew	0	17	3	Joseph Ham		10	2
Joseph Davis		7	6	Dan: Ham		15	9
Gersom Downs		2	8	W[d] Lyda Ham		6	5
Joseph Daniel Jr		12	9	Joseph Hanson Ju[r]		19	2
John Demerit		17	8	Joseph Hicks	1	19	9
Natha: Davis		13	11	Benj: Hanson		19	11
Samuel Davis Ju[r]		9	9	Will[m] Hanson		10	6
Samuel Davis	2	7	8	Benj: Hanson, Ju[r]		18	5
Joseph Hanson 3[d]		7	6	Joseph Jackson	1	1	
George Hanson		7	6	John James		7	6
Sam: Hodg		11	8	Tho[s] Johnson		7	6
Joseph Hall Jun[r]		10	6	Ezra Kembal		16	6
W[d] Ruth Hanson		5	3	Nehemiah Kembal		17	3
James Herd	1	10	9	Stephen Kelley		7	6
Benj Herd	0	11	8	Isaac Libby		19	2
Sam[ll] Herd	1	2	2	Benj[n] Libby		8	3
Sam[ll] Herd Jun[r]	1		3	John Mackelloy		10	11
John Herd	1			Patrick Manning		7	6
Jacob Horsom		7	6	Andrew Marshel		7	6
John Hanson Jun[r]		8	8	Hercules Mooney		7	6
Tho[s] Horn		12	9	Dan[l] Mishaney Jun[r]	1	8	6
Will[m] Horn		16	2	John Mills		8	8
George Horn		7	6	John Mardin		8	3
Daniel Horn & Son Daniel	1	15	3	Derry Pitman	1	14	11
John Horn	1	4	9	Daniel Plumer		17	8
John Horn Jun[r]		16	6	Zech[h] Pitman		16	2
Nath[l] Horn		14	8	Tho: Peirce		7	6
Isaac Horn		7	6	En[n] Joseph Roberts	1	8	
D[r] John Hays	1	1	9	John Roberts		17	3
John Hays Jun[r]		9	9	Joseph Rines		7	6
Tho: Hays		13	6	James Richards		8	3
Elihu Hays		17	8	John Runils Ju[r]		8	3
Hezeciah Hays		7	6	Cheney Smith		8	3
Peter Hays	2	9	2	John Tasker	-2	5	9
Ichabod Hays	1	10		Will[m] Twomly	1	8	2
Jon[a] Hanson		9	6	Will. Twomly Jur		18	5
Sam[l] Hanson		15	5	Joseph Twomly Jur		12	
George Hearn		7	6	Ralph Twomly		18	
Philip Hubbird		9	9	Isaac Twomly		13	3
James Huckins		13	2	Will[m] Twomly 3[d]		10	11
Ralph Hall		16	2	John Tebbets		13	11
Benj. Hall		12	5	John Tebbets y[e] 4[th]		8	3
Will[m] Hill		19	6	Jerem[h] Tebbits		10	6
John Hubbird		7	6	John Tomson		7	6

L[t] John Winget	2	4	3	Moses Wingit	1	1	5
John Winget Jun[r]		9	9	David Watson	1	2	11
Isaac Watson	1	11	1	Dudly Watson	1	4	9
Jona: Watson		16	2	John Wood		10	2
Ezekiel Wentworth		10	6	Ephraim Wintworth J[r]		17	8
Spencer Wentworth		18	5	John Waldron	1	8	
Richard Waldron	1	19	9	James Willmets		11	8
W[m] Whithouse		12	9	John Whithouse		7	6
James Wetherell		8	3	W[m] welland	1	8	2
Sam[l] Williams		7	6	Jona[th] Young	1	3	8
Eleaz[r] Young	1	6	8	Tho[s] Young		7	6
Isaac Young		7	6	Eleazar Young Jun[r]		9	9
Nath Young		13	11	Daniel Young		10	11
Benj: Young		10	11				
A Tax on Sloops				Cap[t] John Gage	1	2	6

Both Lists 166 of w[ch] the Petitioners pay 45

[Mss. Town Boundaries, p. 130.]

Dover Head Line North 42 Degrees East 6 miles & 143 Rods
three miles & ten Rods
two miles & one half & about five Rods
288 Rods
This Contains the Land the Petitioners ask for
3 miles & one half mile North west & by North this is the Line the Petitioners ask for
4 miles & ½ a mile of one mile North 61 Degrees & 32 miles west
Johnsons Creek
Jonsons Bridge
South House Jenkings
4 miles & 192 R
N 43 Degrees East 4 miles and 192 Rods
Durham Line 600 Rods to Jonsons Bridge
the Back River
Dover neck
the fore River
Bummersworth Line
North west Sommersworth Line
North west & by North 4 miles & North of one mile
Hill Vernys
the Road to Vernys hill
Back Creek
Fresh Creek
Inches 1 2 3 4 5 6
A Scale of Six miles

[Mss. Town Boundaries, p. 131.]

Province of }
New hampshr } May y^e 8^th 1744 y^n Walter Bryent personally appeared before me y^e Subscriber & made oath that the above plan is a true figure or Draught of the town of Dover Lying between (& Bounded upon) Durham on y^e South west & Summorsworth on the North East acording to the Best of his Scill & Judgment Excepting the Cape Land which may be a few acres more or Less then the figure Shews it being taken from Some old plans of he S^d Bryents formerly making which by Coppying off may Suffer Some Small Errow in the olteration of Some pionts or Coves

Coram Sam^ll Smith Just^t Peace

DUBLIN.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Monadnock No.* 3, or *North Monadnock*, Nov. 3, 1794, to Matthew Thornton and others. Incorporated as Dublin, March 29, 1771, and named from Dublin, Ireland. A part of the town was annexed to Marlborough June 13, 1818.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 188; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 555; Index to Laws, 157; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 180; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 142; discourse, 25th anniversary of ordination, by Levi W. Leonard, 1846, pp. 28; History, by same, 1855, pp. 433; Map of Monadnock Mountain, 6, Appalachia, opp. 262; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 255.]

[Dublin Incorporated, 1771.]

*Province of New } George the Third by the grace of *1–379
Hampshire } God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith & so forth.

{ L. S. }

To all People to whom these Presents shall come Greeting.

(Dublin) Whereas our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid commonly called and known by the Name of Dublin or Monadnock N° 3 containing by estimation about Six Miles square Have humbly Petitioned & requested us

that they may be erected and Incorporated into a Township and enfranchised with the same Powers and Priviledges which other Towns within our said Province by Law have and enjoy And it appearing unto us to be conducive to the general good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good order and encouraging the culture of the Land That the same should be done KNOW YE that we of our special grace certain knowledge and for the encouragement and promotion of the good Purposes and ends aforesaid By & with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^{r} our Governor and Commander in chief and of our Council of the same have erected and ordained and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of the said Tract of Land and others who shall Improve and Inhabit thereon hereafter the same being butted and Bounded as follows Viz^{t} Beginning at a Beech Tree being the North East corner of Middle Monadnock Township and runs North Eighty degrees West seven Miles to a hemlock Tree marked from thence running North by the needle Five miles to a Tree marked, from thence running South Eighty degrees East seven miles to a hemlock Tree marked, from thence running South by the needle Five Miles to the Bounds first mentioned Be and they are hereby declared to be a Town Corporate and are hereby erected and Incorporated into a Body politick and corporate to have continuance for Ever by the Name of DUBLIN with all the Powers and Authorities Priviledges, Immunities and Franchises which any other Towns in said Province by Law hold and enjoy to the said Inhabitants or those who shall hereafter Inhabit there and to their Successors for Ever. ALWAYS reserving to us our heirs and Successors ALL WHITE PINE TREES that are or shall be found being and growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy RESERVING also to us our Heirs and successors the Power and
*1-380 *Right of dividing said Town when it shall appear necessary and convenient for the Inhabitants thereof Provided Nevertheless and 'Tis hereby declared that this Charter and Grant is not intended and shall not in any manner be construed to affect the private Property of the Soil within the limits aforesaid And as the several Towns within our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled and Authorized to assemble and by the majority of the Voters present to chuse all Officers and to transact such Affairs as in the said Laws are declared WE DO by these Presents nominate and appoint THOMAS MORSE of said Town to call the

first Meeting of said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any Time within Seventy days from the date hereof giving legal Notice of the Time and design of holding such Meeting after which the annual meeting of said Town shall be held for the choice of said Officers and the Purposes aforesaid on the First Tuesday of March annually.

In Testimony Whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our Govr and Commander in Chief aforesaid the Twenty Ninth day of March in the Eleventh year of our Reign Annoq. dom: 1771.

J' Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Secry

Province of New Hampshire 30th March 1771

Recorded according to the original Charter of Incorporation under the Province Seal

Attr Theodore Atkinson Secry

DUMMER.

[Granted March 8, 1773, to Mark Hunking Wentworth and others. Incorporated Dec. 19, 1848. A part of Stark was annexed July 1, 1868.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; Index to Laws, 157; sketch, by John B. Lovejoy, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 854; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 610.]

[Dummer Charter, 1773.]

*Province of New Hampshire *4–157

Dummer. George the Third By the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &ca

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting—

Know Ye that We of our Special Grace Certain Knowledge & Mere Motion for the Due encouragement of Settling a New Plantation within Our Said Province by & with the advice of our Trusty & well beloved John Wentworth Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieff of our Said Province of New Hampshire in

New England & of our Council of the Said Province have upon the Conditions & Reservations hereinafter made Given & Granted & by these Presents for us Our Heirs & Successors do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto our Loving Subjects Inhabitants of Our Said Province of New Hampshire & our other Dominions who have Petitioned us for the Same setting forth their Readyness to make immediate Settlement and to their Heirs & Assigns for ever whose names are Entered on this Grant to be divided to and Amoungst them into Seventy one equal Shares all That Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our Said Province of New Hampshire containing by admeasurement *4-158 Twenty*three Thousand & forty Acres out of which and Allowance is to be made for high Ways & unimprovable Lands by Rocks Mountains & Waters One thousand forty acres free according to a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Land of our Said Province by our Said Governour's order & returned into the Secretary's office of our Said Province a Copy of which is hereunto annexed Butted & Bounded as follows (Viz) Begining at a Beech Tree Standing one Hundred & Twenty Rods Southerly of Am'onusock River and Thirty Rods Westerly of the Corner of Paulsbourg so called from thence runing North Eight Deg^s East Six Miles to a red Birch Tree, thence South Eighty two Deg^s East Six Miles to a Red birch thence South Eight Deg^s West Six miles to Paulsbourg Line from thence North Eighty two deg^s West Six Miles (Partly On Said Paulsbourg Line) to the Bound began it To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above Expressed togeather with all Previledges and appurtenances to them & their Respective Heirs & Assignes for ever By the Name of DUMMER Upon the following Conditions Viz—

First That the Grantees at their own Cost shall cut Clear Bridge & make Passable for Carriages of all Kinds a road of three Rods Wide thro' the Said Tract hereby Granted as Shall be at any Time hereafter directed by our Said Governour & Council which road shall be compleated in one Year from the date of such Directions in failure of which the Premisses & every Part thereof shall be forfeited to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or Them Re-entered upon and regranted to any of our Loving Subjects who shall effectually Settle & cultivate the Same.

Second That the Said Grantees shall enclose or Cause to be inclosed Two thousand three Hundred and fifty acres of the Said Land within five Years from the Date of this Grant and under Im-

provement & Cultivation in Grass Hemp Corn Flax or English Grain &c[a] as the Soil may prove Suitable for either or all of those Articles on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & of its reverting to us Our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them reentered upon & regranted to Such of our loving Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the Same.

Thirdly That all white & other Pine Trees within the Said Township fit for Masting our Royall navy be carefully preserved for that Use and none to be Cutt or felled without our Special Licence for so doing first had & obtaind upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee his Heirs & Assigns to us our Heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter Shall be Enacted—

Fourthly That before any Division of the Land be made to & amoung the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the Center of the Said Township as the land will admit of Shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lotts one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of One Acre—

Fifthly Yield[g] & paying therefor to us our Heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year on or before the first Day of January one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded—

Sixthly—That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall Yield & Pay unto us our Heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year forever from & after the Expiration of Ten Years from the Date of this Grant One Shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and so in Proportion of a greater or lesser Tract of the Said Land which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons above Said their Heirs & assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to Such Officer or officers as Shall be appointed to receive the Same & this to be in Lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever

*In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of *4–159 our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness John Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff aforesaid the Eighth day of March in the Thirteenth Year of our Reign and the Year of our Lord Christ 1773.

John Wentworth—

By his Excellen[cy] Comand
With Advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Sec[ry]

The Hon^{ble} Mark Hunk^{g} Wentworth Esq David Call
Stephen Sumner John Wall Rich^{d} Shearman
Francis Little John Paige Hon^{ble} George Jaffrey Esq
John Fisher Esq Honb^{le} Daniel Peirce Esq Isaac Smith
Hon^{bl} Peter Gillman Esq John Giddings Esq Nath^{ll} Folsom Esq
Nich^{o} Gillman Esq Daniel Tilton Esq Hon^{bl} Jeremiah Powel Esq
Hon^{ble} John Phillips Esq Sam^{ll} Folsom Esq Major John Gillman
Sam^{ll} Langdon D–D– Paul Langdon Richard Langdon
Samuel Haven D–D– Joseph Haven Nath^{ll} Appleton Haven
John Sherburne Eq Ammi Ruhamah Cutter Jacob Treadwell
Nathaniel Dowse Walter Brient Jun^{r} Esq John Wheelock
Samuel Gray Levi Frisby Silvanus Ripley
W^{m} Cutter N–Yarmouth Samuel Cutter Samuel Moodey Esq
Rev^{d} Moses Parsons Rev^{d} Isaac Lyman Joseph Gillman
Cap^{t} Charles Rundlet Eliphalet Hale Asa Porter Esq
Thomas Johnson Nath^{ll} Rogers Rev^{d} Nath^{l} Trask
Joshua Bayley David Weeks Abraham Palmer
Henry Eaton Jacob Tilton (Coos) John Beard
Andrew Savage Crocker Mark Sevey Andrew Smith
Rev^{d} Sam^{ll} Lankton Jesse Johnson Joseph Peirce
Mathew Stanley Parker George King Esq James Lloyd Esq
Will^{m} Waldron James Grant George Brinley
William Knight Esq John Wintrop Esq F–R–S Peletiah Bliss

One Right or equal Share for the Use & Support of a School in S^{d} Township forever—One Right or Eqal Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in Said Township—One Right or Equal Share for a Glebe for the Church of England in Said Township for ever—

Recorded According to the original under the Province Seal the 29th Day of May–1773–

Attest^{r} Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

*Province of New Hampshire Portsm^{o} 15 February 1773 *4–160
This Certifys that this Plan Begining at A Beech Tree Standing one hundred & Twenty rods Southerly of Ammonoosuck River & Thirty Rods Westerly of the Corner of Paulsbourg so called from thence runing North Eight deg^{s} East Six Miles to A red Birch Tree thence South Eighty Two deg^{s} East Six Miles to a red Birch Tree thence South 8 Deg^{s} West Six Miles to Paulsbourg line from thence North Eighty Two degrees West Six Miles (Partly on Said Paulsbourg line) to the Bound began at Contains Twenty Three Thousand & forty Acres of Land and is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of Said Tract or Township as taken & returnd to me by Cap^{t} Hubartus Neal Deputy Surveyer

Attest^{r} Is Rindge S^{r} G^{l}

Copy Attest^{r} Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

DUNBARTON.

[Granted by Massachusetts, June 19, 1735, to Capt. John Gorham's men and called *Gorham-town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 17, 1748, to Archibald Stark and others, and called *Stark's-town*. Regranted March 2, 1752. Incorporated as Dunbarton Aug. 10, 1765, and named from a town in Scotland. A portion of Dunbarton was included in the limits of Hooksett, incorporated July 2, 1822. The line between Dunbarton and Goffstown was established Jan. 7, 1853, and the line between Dunbarton and Weare, July 2, 1853.

See Massachusetts charters preceding, and Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 189; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 558; Index to Laws, 157; Early History, addresses by Amos Hadley, 1845, pp. 27; History, by Caleb Stark, 1860, pp. 272; Centennial Celebration, 1865, pub. 1866, pp. 124; Dunbarton, Past and Present, by J. B. Connor, 4, Granite Monthly, 38; sketch, by W. H. Stinson, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 291; sketch, 12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 101; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 20; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 376; Memoir of John Stark, by Caleb Stark, 1860; Historical Sketch of Congregational Church, by J. M. Putnam, 1845, pp. 16; The Stark Place, by F. M. Colby, 5, Granite Monthly, 80.]

[Dunbarton Incorporated, 1765.]

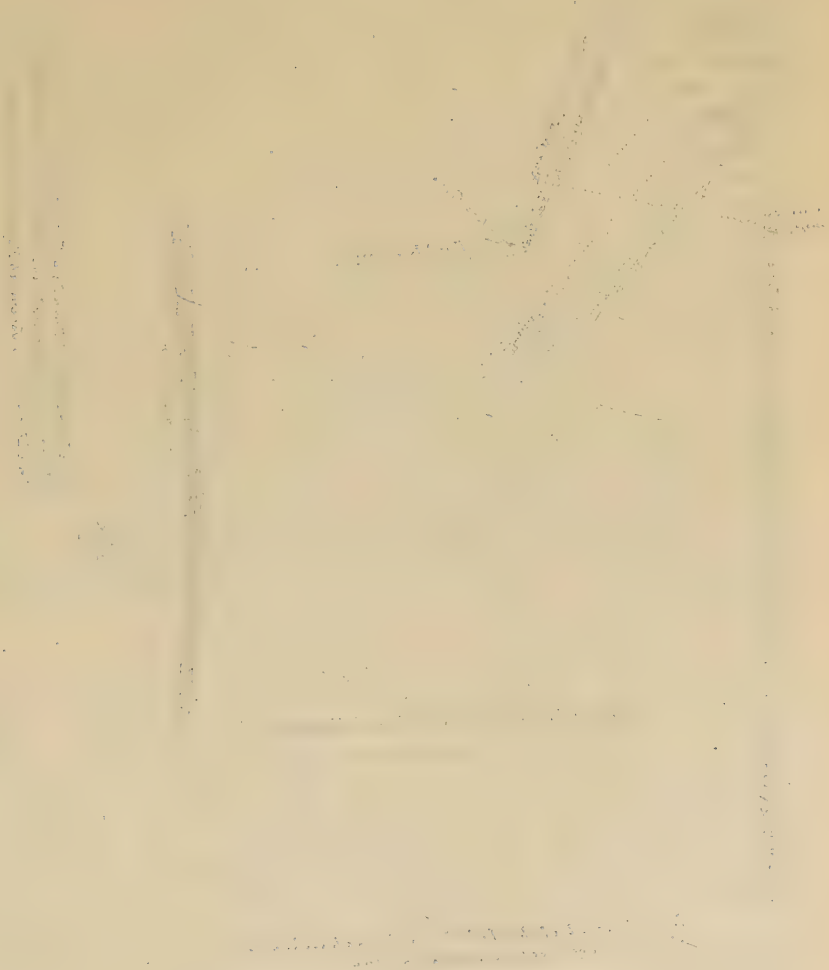
*1–280 *Province of New Hampshire

Dunbarton

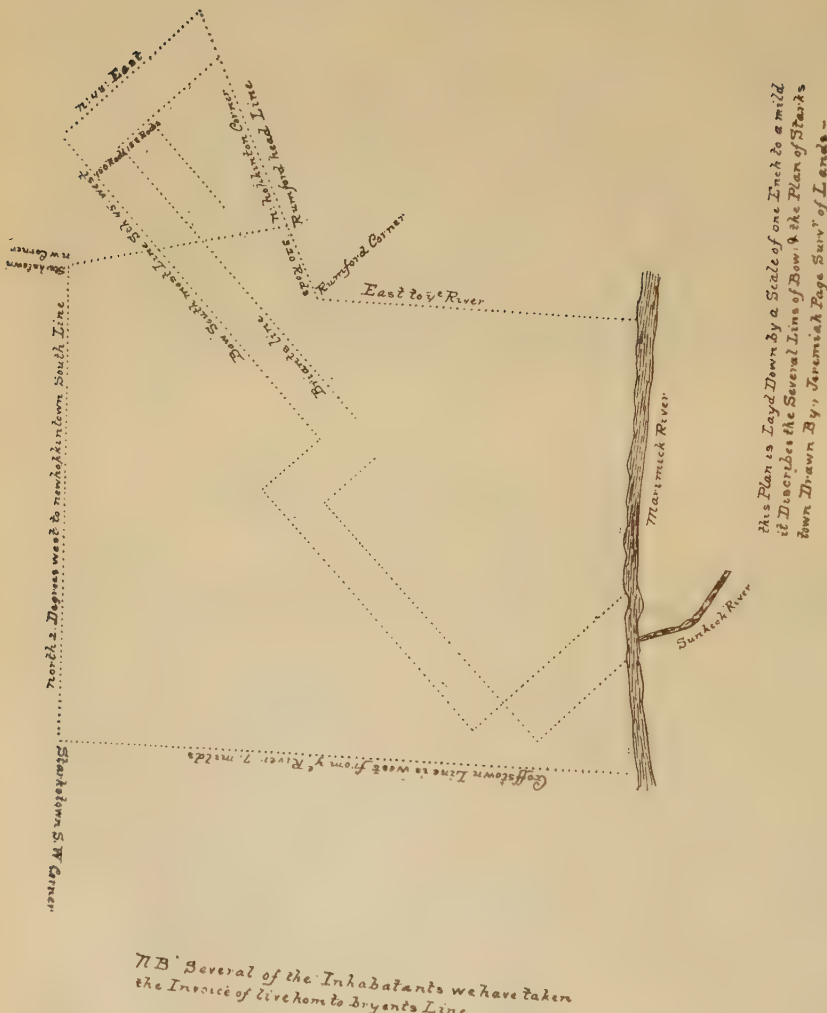
P. S.

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c[a]

To all to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting Whereas our Loving Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid known by the Name of Starks town have humbly Petitioned and Requested that they may be errected And Incorporated into a Township & Infranchized with the Same Powers & Previledges which other Towns have & Enjoy within our Said Province by Law & it appearing unto us to be Conducive to the General good of our Said Province as well as the Said Inhabitants in Particular by maintaining good order And Encouraging the Culture
*1–281 of the Said Lands that the Same *Should be done Know ye therefore that We of our Special Grace certain Knowledge & for the Encouragement & Promotion of those good Ends and Purposes by & with the advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff &



[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 220.]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Runford Corner
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Sunbeck River
This Plan is Layd Down by a Scale of one Inch to a mild
it Describes the Several Lins of Bow & the Plan of Starks
town Drawn By Jeremiah Page Surv^r of Lands -

NB Several of the Inhabatants we have taken the Invoice of Live hom to Bryents Line

of our Council for Said Province of New Hampshire have erected & ordaind and by these presents for us our Heirs & Successors do will & ordain that our Loving Subjects Residing on the Tract of Land aforesaid or that Shall hereafter Reside & Improve thereon the Same being Limited & bounded as follows (Viz) Begining at a stake & Stones standing on the Bank of the Westerly Side of Merrimack River which is also the Northerly Corner Bound of Goffs Town so called thence runing Westerly by said Goffs Town till it comes to the Town of Weare so called then turning off & runing Northerly by Said Weare till it comes to the Line of New Hopkinton so called then turning off & runing North Easterly by the Line of New Hopkinton aforesaid till it comes to the Township of Bow then runing by Bow Line till it comes to Merrimack River then down Said River Southerly as that runs to the Stake & Stones began at Shall be and by thes Presents are declared & ordaind to be a Town corporate and are hereby erected & Incorporated into A Body Politick & Corporate to have Continuence until his Maj^{tys} Pleasure shall be signifyed to the Contrary by the Name of Dunbarton with the Powers & Authoritys Previledges Immunitys & Franchizes which all Other Towns in Said Province by Law hold & Enjoy always Reserving to us our Heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees that are or Shall be found growing or being on the Said Tract of Land fit for the Use of our Royal Navy Reserving also the Power & Right of Dividing the Said Town when it Shall appear necessary & Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof Provided nevertheless & it is hereby declared that this our Charter & Grant is not intended or shall in any man'er be construed to extend to affect the private Property of the Soil within the Limits afores^{d} and as the Several Towns within our said Province of New Hampshire are by Laws thereof enabled & authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of Voters Present to Chuse all Such Officers & Transact all Such Affairs as by the Said Laws are declared We do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Caleb Page to call the first Meeting any Time within forty Days from the date hereof giving legall Notice of the Time Place and Design of holding such Meeting after which the Annual Meeting for said Town for the Choice of officers & management of y^{e} affairs afore said Shall be held within Said Township on the Second Tuesday of March Annually—

In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour and Com'ander in Chieff in & over our said

Province of New Hampshire the Tenth Day of August in the Fifth Year of our Reign Annoq Domini 1765

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and
with Advice of Council
Theod^r Atkinson Jun Sec^ry

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal the 10^th Day of August A D 1765

℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec^ry

DURHAM.

[Petitioned to be set off from Dover as a parish by the name of *Oyster River*, May 27, 1669. Incorporated as Durham May 15, 1732. Lee was set off and incorporated Jan. 16, 1766. The south line of the town was established June 19, 1818. A portion of Durham was annexed to Newmarket, July 2, 1870.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 234; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 566; Index to Laws, 159; Life of John Sullivan, by Thomas C. Amory, 1868; Memoir of Ebenezer Thompson, by Mary P. Thompson, 1886; Sketches of Civil and Ecclesiastical History, by Federal Burt, 5, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 129; sketch, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 616; Valedictory Discourse, by Curtis Coe, 1806, pp. 32; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 326; Establishment of the N. H. College of Agriculture in this town, Reports of Trustees, 1893, pp. 5, 107; The Benjamin Thompson Trust Fund, Report of State Treasurer, 1892, pp. 175 to 220; Documentary History, by W. F. Goodwin, Dawson's Historical Magazine, 2d series, vol. 8, p. 292; Marriages, 1713–68, by S. C. Adams, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. 23, p. 178, to vol. 33, p. 345; Sullivan House and Its Associations, by F. M. Colby, 5, Granite Monthly, 80.]

[Petition from Joseph Jones of Oyster River, 1731.]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 87.]

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq^r Governour and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesties Province of New Hamp^r, to the Honourable his Majesties Council and the Representatives of the S^d Province in General Assembly

The Petition of Joseph Jones in behalfe of Sundry Inhabitants of the Parish of oysterriver humbly Sheweth

That about Twenty months Since Sundry persons Inhabitants of the Parish of oysterriver by Your Petitioner did prefer to his

Honour Jn° Wentworth Esq^r^ then Lieu^tt^ Govern^r^ of this his Majesties province of New Hamp^r^ to the Honourable the Councill & Representatives of the S^d^ province an humble Petition respecting the line between Dover and the Parish of Oysterriver, praying that an equal line might be Setled between them, which Petition hitherto has not been past upon nor considered—

Your Petitioner therefore in behalfe of the afors^d^ Inhabitants humbly prays that your Excellency and General Assembly will please to assign a day for that end and that you will hear and answer the Same, and Your Petitioner Shall ever pray as in duty &c

Joseph Jones

5^th^ May. 1731.

May the 6^th^ 1731. In the house of Representatives

The above Petition was Read: & the Petitioner Joseph Jones: was told & shew'd that In Councill x^r^ 10^th^ 1729 there past a vote: which was concur'd with in the house of Represen^s^ viz^t^ That those of oyster River that made Exceptions to the bounds of oyster River: should have o℘tunity to Shew the Justice of their objections by a plat:—and the said Jones being askt for y^e^ Plat answer'd he had none, & the said Jones & Coll James Davis prayes Leave till the fall sessions to Bring in a plat

voted / That the said Jones & Davis have Leave untill the fall sessions the third day of the sessions and that they Notifie the old Town of Dover to be present at the hearing—(if they See Cause)

James Jeffry Cle^r^ Ass^m^

In Coun^l^ Eod^m^ die Read & Concurr'd

R Waldron Secretary—

May 6: 1731 I assent To The above Vote

J Belcher

[Committee on Durham Lines, 1757.]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 159.]

At a town meeting holden at the falls meeting house in Durham february y^e^ 14^th^ 1757) Then Samuel Smith Esq Ebenezer Smith esq^r^ & Ephraim Davis yemen Was chosen a ccomittee or as agents for the Town of Durham to Joyn with any other Committee or committees Person or persons in any Capassaty Whatsoever that

is or may be Chosen & authorized To settle and Confirme the Line or lines between the town of Durham afore said & the Parish of new market & Ipping To Settle & Confirme The afore said Line or lines & in Case Said parishes or Either of them neglect or Refuse to act in the Said affair that Committee Chosen for Durham afores^{d} Have full power & authoraty to Prosecute the affair as a ccommittee or agents for said town to all entents to the Settling of said line or lines) and that said Comitte also Joyn & settle any other line or lines with any Cowrte or Commites person or Persons in any Capassaty whatso Ever that may be Chosen by any town or Parish adjoyning to s^{d} town of Durham—to Settle & Confirme Said Lines that said Committee also have Power to apply to the General assembly or prosecute any other measures thay advisedly Consult)—

A trew Copy from Durham town Records—

Attest Sam^{ll} Smith Town Cler

EAST KINGSTON.

[Set off from Kingston Nov. 17, 1738, and incorporated as *Kingston East Parish*. The line between this town and Kingston was established Aug. 7, 1740, and reëstablished June 16, 1798. Small portions of the town were annexed to South Hampton, Dec. 6, 1824, and to Newton, July 2, 1845.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 431; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 596; Index to Laws, 160; sketch, by A. R. Brown, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 184; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 88.]

EASTON.

[Set off from Landaff and incorporated July 20, 1876.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 464; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 361; Index to Laws, 161; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 240; An Ascent of Mt. Kinsman, by Gaetano Lanza, 2, Appalachia, 168; note on Landaff, *post*.]

EATON.

[Granted Nov. 7, 1766, to Clement March and others. The line between Eaton and Tamworth was settled Feb. 8, 1797. Five grants of land to retired officers who served in the French War were annexed, December 24, 1795. Madison was set off and incorporated Dec. 17, 1852.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 600; Index to Laws, 161; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 788; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 14; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 600; grants to Archibald Stark and Nathaniel Martin with Conway and Madison papers.]

[EATON CHARTER, 1766.]

*Province of New Hampshire. *3–154

Eaton

P. S.

GEORGE, THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

KNOW YE, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire* in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to contain about Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the S Easterly Corner of the Township of Tamworth on the Curve Line & thence runing on the Curve Line Easterly to the Province Line thence Northerly on s^d^ Prov: Line to Land granted to a Number of Officers thence by said Officers several Grants to the N. W. Corner of a Grant made to Alexander Blair, thence a

Strait Line to the North East Corner of the aforesaid Township of Tamworth thence Southerly bounding on s^d^ Tamworth to the bounds first mention'd—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Eaton And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall *3–155 consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be *opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday in December next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Walter Bryent Esq^r^ who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us,

our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be alloted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1767

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1777 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Seventh Day of November In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six And in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,
With Advice of COUNCIL,
T: Atkinson j^r Secr'y

Prov: of New Hampshire 10^th^ Novem^r^ 1766
Recorded from the Original Pattent under the Province Seal—
℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec^ry

*3–156 *Names of the Grantees of Eaton.

Clem^{t} March Esq^{r}	David Davis	David Hicks
Jon^{a} Moulton Esq^{r}	Nath^{l} Steavens	John Mead
Walter Bryent Esq^{r}	Jon^{a} Steavens	Benj^{n} Mead
Capt: Jerem^{h} Folsom	Ja^{s} Burley	Jn^{o} Mead J^{r}
Jerem^{h} Gilman	Nath^{n} Folsom	Geo. Dutch
John Gilman	Edw^{d} Stilton j^{r}	Winthrop Smart
Capt: Israel Gilman jr	Nich^{s} Duda	Arthur Bennett
Thomas Tash Esq^{r}	Tho^{s} York	Tho^{s}. Bennett
John Tash	S^{l} Gilman	Nath^{l} Ewer
Benj^{n} Chapman	D^{d} Gilman	Joshua Frost
Sam^{l} Chapman	Joseph Senter	Walter Bryent J^{r} Esq^{r}
Jon^{a} Robinson	John M^{c}Duffee	John Burley
John Watson	Joseph Young	Joseph Smith
Jerem^{h} Folsom j^{r}	John Smith	Joseph Smart
John Folsom j^{r}	John Folsom	Caleb Bennett
Jeremy Bryent	John Pickering	W^{m} Parker Esq^{r}
John Bryent	S^{l} Livermore Esq^{r}	Giles Seaward
E'd Hall Bergin	Joshua Bracket	Jon^{a} Warner Esq^{r}
Edward Smith	John Harford	Benj^{n} Smith Esq^{r}
John Johnson	Nich^{s} Harford	Paul March Esq^{r}
Barth^{w} Smart	Dan^{l} Mason	Col: Atkinson &
Josiah Johnson	Josiah York	Col: Warner.

Five Hundred Acres for his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq^{r} as mark'd B. W. in the Plan which is to be accounted two of the within Shares. One Lot for the first Ordain'd Minister, & One Lot for a School for the Benefit of s^{d} Town for Ever—

Prov^{e} of New Hampshire Novem^{r} 10th 1766

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Eaton, under the Province Seal

℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec^{ry}

Dividing Line between Eaton & Burton
BW
Officers Several Grants
Eaton
North by Tamworth
The dividing Line between the Provinces of New Hampshire & the Massachusetts Bay
North 2d East

Prov: of New Hampshire Novem^{r} 10th 1766
Copy of the Plan taken from the back of the Original Charter of Eaton under the Province Seal

℔ T Atkinson Jun Sec^{ry}

ELLSWORTH.

[Granted as *Trecothick*, May 1, 1769, to Barlow Trecothick and others, and named in his honor. Incorporated as Ellsworth, June 16, 1802.

See Index to Laws, 165; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 241; Explorations near West Campton, by M. Pychowska, 2, Appalachia, 166; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 580.]

[Ellsworth Charter, 1769.]

*4–103 *Province of New Hampshire.

(Trecothick.) George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

Know Ye, that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esquire our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England & of our Council of the said Province Have upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do give and grant in equal Shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire & our other Governments, who have Petitioned us for the same, Setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement, and to their heirs and Assigns for Ever, whose Names are entered on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into Ninety Two Equal Shares all that Tract or Parcel of Land Situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire, Containing by Admeasurement Twenty four Thousand Nine hundred & Fifty seven Acres & is to contain something more than Six Miles Square, out of which an Allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks Ponds, Mountains & Rivers One Thousand & Forty Acres free, according to a Plan & Survey thereof, exhibited by our Surveyor General by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office, a Copy whereof is hereunto Annexed, butted and bounded as follows, Viz^{t}—Beginning at a Beech Tree standing at the North west Corner of the Township of Campton, thence running North Five degrees East by the Township of Thornton Five Miles & three Quarters of a Mile to a Red birch Tree standing at the South East corner of the Township of Peeling, thence North Fifty Nine Degrees West Six Miles by said Township of Peeling to a Red birch Tree standing at the North East corner of the Township of Warren, thence running South Twenty four degrees West Six Miles to a Maple Tree standing at the North West Corner of the Township of Rumney, then turning off and running South Sixty four degrees East Seven Miles & Two hundred & ten Rods by said Township of Rumney to the Beech Tree

standing at the Northwest Corner of the *Township of *4–104
Campton aforesaid the bounds first began at.

To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them & their respective Heirs & Assigns for Ever by the Name of Trecothick upon the following Conditions, Viz^t—

First. That the Grantees at their own Cost shall cut, clear, bridge & make passable for Carriages of all Kinds a Road of three Rods wide thro' the said Tract hereby granted, and this to be completed within Eighteen Months from the date of this Grant; in failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited & revert to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them reenter'd upon & regranted to any of our loving Subjects.

Second. That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Twelve Families by the first day of March 1771, who shall be actually cultivating some part of the Land & resident thereon, & to continue making further & Additional Improvement Cultivation & Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be Actually Settled & resident thereon Sixty Families by the first day of March 1776, on Penalty of the forfeiture of such delinquent's Share and of such Share's reverting to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle & cultivate the same.

Third. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his Heirs & Assigns to us our Heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

Fourth. That before any division of the Land be made to & among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

Fifth Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs &
Successors *or before the first day of March 1773, the Rent *4–105
of One Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

Sixth That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall Yield & Pay unto us our Heirs and Successors Yearly and every Year for Ever from & after the expiration of one Year from the abovesaid first day of March Namely on the first day of March, which

will be in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand and Seven hundred & Seventy four ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so Owns Settles or Possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same: And this to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed WITNESS JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: our GOVERNOR & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire the first day of May in the Ninth Year of our Reign & in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred & Sixty Nine.

By His Excell$^{cy's}$ Command }
with advice of Council. }

Geo: King Dep^{y} Sec^{ry}

Names of the Grantees of the Township of TRECOTHICK.

Barlow Trecothick Esq: Joshua Wentworth Samuel Warner
Jonathan Warner Esq^{r} Pearse Long John Wheelwright
Daniel Rindge Esq^{r} Monsieur Bunbury John Barter
Leverett Hubbard Esq^{r} George Wentworth John Gregory
Edmund Quincy Esq: Thomas Dalling John Harris
Samuel Cutt Esq^{r} Daniel Wentworth Wendell Foster Treferen
John Hurd Esq^{r} Timothy Mountford Zachariah Foss
John Wendell Esq^{r} William Whipple John Brown
Daniel Fowle Esq^{r} Thomas Simpson Bray Dearing Underwood
John Parker Esq^{r} William Simpson Thomas Rickard
Isaac Rindge Esq^{r} John Wendell Jun^{r} William Doacks
Giles Seawards Edmund Wendell Tobias Lear
George Turner Edmund Wendell Jun^{r} Alex^{r} Welch
Samuel Noldred William Pearne William Marshall
Edmund Coffin Robert Robertson George Trehern
Vere Royse John Jackson
*4–106 *Peter Curtis Daniel Sherburne Rich^{d} Skinner
Roger Hayes John Gerry
Daniel Jackson George Libbey Henry Gardner
Joseph Bass Jotham Blanchard John White,
James Miller Matthew Haslett Jacob Wells
Ichabod Clark Samuel Foster Benjamin Mackay
Ichabod Clark Jun^{r} Thomas Wendell Richard Jenkins

James Guppy
William Welch
John Langdon
John Cochran
Solomon Davis
James Holland
George Pearse
Robert Lewis Fowle
John Frost

Thomas Martin
Daniel Cate
Joseph Harrison Esq^{r} of Boston
Peter Harrison Esq^{r} of New London
Hon^{ble} James Bowdoin Esq^{r} of Boston
David Call
Supply Clapp
Daniel Brewster
Michael Fowler
William Blunt

Robert Traill Esq^{r}
John Winthrop Esq^{r}
Nathan^{l} Hurd of Boston
Glebe for the Church of England by Law established.

J' { L. S. } Wentworth.

Recorded according to the Original Charter of Trecothick under the Province Seal this 25th day of August 1772.

Attest^{r} Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Province of New Hampshire 27th May 1769.

These Certify that this Plan of the Township of Trecothick Containing Twenty four Thousand Nine hundred & Fifty Seven Acres of Land is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Township as taken & returned to me by Captain Hubartis Neal

Dep^{y} Surv^{r}

Attest. ℔ Is: Rindge S. G^{l}

[This plan is taken from Vol. 5, p. 327.]

Western Corner
Barrey River
N 39° W 6 miles
Province of New Hampshire
25th May 1769. These certify that this
plan of the Township of Trecothick con-
taining 24907 acres of land is a true Copy
of an Original plan or Survey of said
Township as taken & returned to me by
Capt Hubartus Neal Dept Sec 7.
Attest Jo Rindge S-G
Peeling corner
South 20° W 8 miles 216 rods
on Rumney Grants
Rumney & Westworth corner
South 64° East 7 miles 210 rods
on Rumney line to Campton Corner
Campton Corner
W
E
S

The foregoing Charter & Plan of Trecothick Recorded According to the original under the Province Seal

Attest E Thompson Secty

ENFIELD.

[Granted as *Endfield*, July 4, 1761, to Jedediah Dana and others. Regranted as *Relhan*, Aug. 8, 1768, to Simon Stevens and others. Incorporated Aug. 18, 1778. The act incorporating the town as *Relhan*, was repealed Jan. 3, 1784. The town boundaries were settled June 18, 1802. A portion of Grantham was annexed Jan. 13, 1837.

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 610; Index to Laws, 166; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 243; Topographical Description, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 237; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 302, 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 531; Eleven Years among the Shakers at Enfield, by William Elking, 1853.]

[Enfield Charter, 1761.]

*Province of New Hampshire. *2–5

Endfield

GEORGE, the Third,
By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire, in *New-England*, and of our Council of the said Province; Have, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Six Equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty Two thousand five hundred *Acres*, which Tract is to contain near Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks,

Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the South East Corner of Labanon from thence South Sixty Eight Degrees East Six Miles & Three Quarters of A Mile thence North forty three degrees East five Miles & one half from thence North fifty Eight degrees West Seven Miles & an half to the North East Corner of Labanon from thence by the East Side or Labanon to the first Bounds Mentioned And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Endfield And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the
And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective
following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may
*2-6 be *opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Last Tuesday of August next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Jedediah Dana who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our

Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the fourth Day of July In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one And in the First Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY'S Command,
With Advice of COUNCIL,
Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Province of New Hamp^{r} July 5th 1761
Recorded According to the Original Charter of Endfield under the Province Seal

Attest^{r} Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

*2–7 *The Names of the Grantees of Endfield

Jedediah Dana
Nathaniel Turner
Elisha Clark
Zephaniah Nicholls
Uriah Hanks
William Henfield
Joshua Hinda
Samuel Foster
Samuel Butters
Uriah Rogers
Andrew Storrs
Lemuel Burrows
Constant Southwork
John Usher
Joseph Turner
Judah Moore
Jeremiah Leffingwell
Ebenez^{r} Baldwin
James Head
Samuel Murdock
Philip Turner jun^{r}
Jabez Baldwin
Jedidiah Dana jun^{r}
John Tracey
Nathan Dennison
Samuel Easterbrook
Joseph Easterbrook
Robert Usher
Huckins Storrs
Oliver Clark
Isaac Dana
Asa Leffingwell
Daniel Aldin
James Dana
Silas Hide
Andrew Abel
John Beckerd y^{e} 3^{d}
Elias Beckard
Skif Freeman
Richard Salter
Samuel Butters
Benjamin Hanks
Jon^{a} Sleekland
Andrew Campbell
Jonathan Lassells
Jonathan Dana
Jabez Barrows
Silas Waterman
Rufus Baldwin jun^{r}
Ebenez^{r} Lathrop
James Lathrop
John Gilbert
John Salter
Samuel Butters Jun^{r}
The Hon^{ble} Theod^{r} Atkinson Esq
Richard Wibird Esq
John Nellson
Rev^{d} Arthur Brown
Rev^{d} Marmaduke Brown]
& James Gillmore

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A Tract of Land as Marked in the Plan to Contain five hundred Acres which is to be Accounted Two Shares One share for the Society for the Propapation of the Gospel in foreign Parts One Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel One Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established One Share for the Benefit of the School in Said Town——

Province of New Hamp^{r} July 5th 1761
Recorded from the Back of the original Charter of Endfield under the Province Seal.—

Attest^{r} Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

North East Corner of Lebanon
South 51d East 7½ Miles
N. 36d E. 5¾ Miles
Endfield
22500 Acres
Scale 2 miles to an Inch
the South East Corner of Lebanon
South 40d W 5¾ Miles
West 6¼ Miles

Province of New Hampr July 5th 1761
Recorded from the Back of the original Charter of Endfield under the Province Seal

℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry

[Relhan Charter, 1761.]

*Province of New Hampshire } George the Third by the Grace *1–307
Relhan Charter Now Enfield } of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith and so forth.

Know Ye, that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of Setling a new Plantation, within our said Province, by and with the advice of our Trusty and well-beloved John Wentworth Esq: Our Governor & Commander in Cheif of Our said Province of New Hampshire in New

England and of our Council of the said Province, HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted & by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto our Loving Subjects, Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire, and our other Governments, who have Petitioned us for the same Setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement, and to their heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are enter'd on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Ninety equal Shares, all that Tract or parcel of Land, known by the name of Endfield, situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire, containing by Admeasurement Twenty Six Thousand, Seven hundred & forty four Acres, which is to contain near Six miles Square and no more, out of which an Allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers One Thousand & Forty Acres free, according to a plan and Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General, by our said Gov^rs^ order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, viz: "Begining at the South east corner of Lebanon, from thence South Sixty eight degrees east Six miles & three Quarters of a mile, thence North 43^dgs^ degrees East five miles and one half mile from thence North Fifty eight degrees West Seven miles and one half mile to the North East Corner of Lebanon from thence by the East side of Lebanon to the bounds first mentioned." TO HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective heirs & Assigns for Ever by the name of RELHAN, upon the following Conditions, Viz.—

1^st^ That the said Grantees shall Settle or Cause to be Settled TWELVE Families who shall be actually Cultivating some *1–308 part of the land, and resident thereon *on or before the 29^th^ day of September 1769, and to continue making further & additional Improvement, Cultivation and Settlement of the Premises, so that there shall be actually Settled & Resident thereon SIXTY Families by the 29^th^ Septem^r^ 1774 on the penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our heirs and Successors to be by us, or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle and Cultivate the same.

2^nd^ That all white and other pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that use, & none to be cut or felled without our special Licence for

so doing first had & Obtained, upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee, his heirs & Assigns to us our heirs and Successors, as well as being Subject to any Act or Acts of Parliament, that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

3rd That before any division of the land be made to and among the Grantees, a tract of Land as near the Center of the said Township as the land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

4th Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and Successors on or before the 29th day of September 1769, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, if lawfully demanded.

5th Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us, our heirs and Successors, yearly and every Year forever, from and after the expiration of one year from the abovesaid 29th day of Septemr Namely on the 29th day of Septemr which will be in the year of our Lord 1770, One Shilling Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he So owns, Settles or Possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser tract of the said Land; which money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their heirs or Assigns, in our Council Chamber in Portsmo or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, and this to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed, Witness John Wentworth Esquire, our Governor and Commander in Cheif of our said *Province, the Eighth day of August in the year of our Lord Christ 1768, and in the Eighth year of our Reign. *1-309

J' Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command with advice of Council.
T: Atkinson Junr Secy

L. S.

Recorded according to the Original under the Province Seal this 9th of August 1768.

℔ : T Atkinson Jun Secy

Names of the Grantees of Relhan.

Simon Stevens	Edwd Goldstone Lutwyche	Job Stevens
Willard Stevens	William Appleton	John Briard
Levi Willard	Simon Stevens 2nd	John Hurd Esq:

William Barron
John Chandler Junr
Joshua Willard
Abel Willard
Jonathan Willard junr
David Stone
John Armes
Abijah Willard
Abel Stevens
Joseph Stevens
Canelin Winslow
Nathan Baldwin
Paul Moores
Ephraim Doolittle
Edmund Munrow
James Putnam Esq:
Epphraim Wilder Junr
Richard Jenness 3rd
Joseph Jenness
Jonathan Jenness
Isaac Jenness
Levi Jenness
Simeon Jenness
Thomas Brooks
Nathaniel Frances
John Adams
Mark Sevey

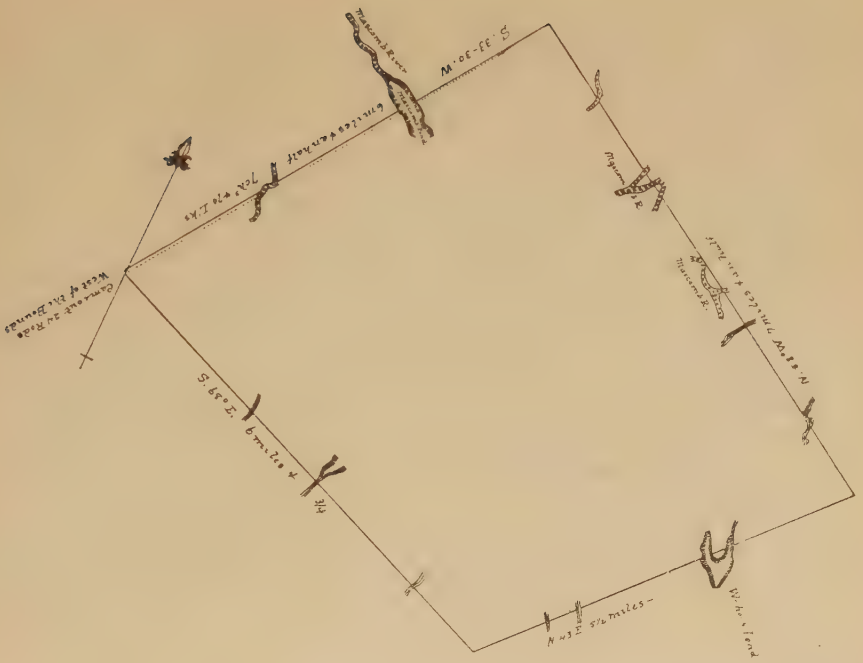
Simeon Alvord
John Wells
Stephen Alvord
David Newhall
Simeon Powers
Nathl Frances Junr
James Wyman
Thomas Dean
John Symmes
Samuel Jenkes
Samuel Mansfield
Jacob Parker
Hugh Floyd
Nathan Sargent
Ezra Jenkins
Ezra Wait
Thomas Wait
John Newhall
Enos Stevens
Solomon Stevens
Jacob Tilton
Meshech Weare
Joshua Bracket
Daniel Fowle
Robt Lewis Fowle
William Ferriman
Cotton Mather Stevens

Edward Sclate
Samuel Hall
Ammi Ruhamah Cutter
Thomas Walley
Samuel Penhallow
William Knight
Daniel Rogers
Geo: King Esq:
Isaac Rindge Esq:
Anthony Relhan
Henry Rust
George Meserve
William Torrey
Revd Arthur Browne
Revd Samuel McClintock
Geo: Walton of Newington
Seth Walker
Obadiah Wells
James Gilmore
John Nelson
William Welch
Joseph Welch
Hall Jackson
} 500 acres to Satisfy these 2 shares, to be laid out in the S. W. Corner.

*1-310 *One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, one whole Share for a Glebe for the Church of England by Law establish'd One Share for the first Setled Minister, and one Share for the benefit of a School in said Town.

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Relhan, under the Province Seal this 9th August 1768.

℔ T: Atkinson Jun Secry



A Plan of the Township of Endfield containg 26744^{A} 2^{R} 16^{P} Protracted by a Scale of 100 chs to an Inch.—

Province of New Hampshire Augst 1768.

These Certify that this Plan of Relhan containg 26744 Acres 2 Roods & 16 Rods is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Township as taken and returned by Mr Benja Sumner Dy Survr—

Attestd ℔ Is: Rindge Sr Genl—

[Report of Committee on Bounds of Enfield, 1781.]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries" p. 209.]

Whereas By an act of the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire Passed the 28th Day of March 1781 Jeremiah Page Esqr with us the Subcribers was appointed a Committee to Settle the Lines and Boundaries of the Township of Enfield Alias Relham

and those Lines and Boundaries of the Townships of Canaan and Grafton which are or may be Contiguous thereto or Depending thereupon, persuant to Said appointment the Subscribers have performed Said Service in the Following manner (Viz) Beginning at the Southeasterly Corner Bound of the Township of Lebanon which is the Southwesterly Corner of the Township of Enfield Alies Relham Commonly Call^{d} Sumners Bound and thence Running South fifty Eight Degrees East Six miles and three fourths of a mile to a Henlock tree Marked H G. W C &^{c} Thence Running North forty Degrees & forty five Minits East about five miles and one half mile to a Spruce tree Mark^{d} as afore Said which is the Dividing Line Between Enfield and Grafton and is the North Easterly Corner of Enfield Alies Relham and the South Eastwardly Corner of Canaan thence Running North Fifty Eight Degrees West Seven Miles and Sixty Rods to a Birch Stump which is the Corner of Lebonan, Enfield and Canaan thence By Lebonon to the Bounds first mentioned

Boscawen July 9th 1781 Henry Gerrish, Wm Chamberlin } Com^{ee}

To Ebenezer Thompson Esq^{r} Secretary for the Sate of New Hampshire

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EPPING.

[Set off from Exeter and incorporated, Feb. 3, 1741–2. The north line of the town was established June 19, 1818.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 245; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 616; Index to Laws, 168; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 204; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 7; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 45; Life of William Plumer, by his son, 1856; History of Exeter, by Charles H. Bell, 1888, p. 184; Mortality, 1811–21, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 256.]

EPSOM.

[Granted May 18, 1727, to the freeholders of New Castle and Greenland. The first meeting was held in 1743.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 246; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 628; Index to Laws, 168; sketch, by J. H. Dolbeer, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 443; Historical Sketch, by Jonathan Curtis, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 321; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 382.]

[EPSOM CHARTER, 1727.]

Epsom P. S.

*GEORGE By the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c[a] *1–240

To all to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting Know Ye that We of our special Knowledge & mere motion for the due encouragement of Settling A New Plantation by & with the advice & Consent of our Council have given and Granted and by these Presents (as far as in us Lyes) do Give & grant unto all Such of our Loving Subjects as were Inhabitants & free holders in the Year one thousand Seven hundred & Twenty three in Our Town of New Castle & in our Parish of Greenland both within our Province of New Hamp[r] in New England to be Divided amoung them in Proportion to their Respective rates which they paid in the Year 1723 aforesaid One Tract of Land to be laid out at the head of Nottingham and Northward of the Land formerly Granted to the Children of Coll Sam[ll] Allen deceased & the Same to be Six Miles in Breadth & four Miles in Depth Or in Such Other form as the Land ungranted in that Place will admit so as it contains the same Quantity of Land and the Same to be A Town Corporate by the Name of Epsom to the Persons aforesaid forever To HAVE AND TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land to the Grantees & their Heirs & Assigns for ever upon the following Conditions ——

1[st] That they build Twenty Dwelling Houses and Settle A Family in Each within the Term of four Years and brake up three Acres of Ground for Each Settlement and Plant or Sow the Same within five years—

2[dly] That A House be built for the Publick Worship of GOD within the Term of Six Years—

3[d] That one hundred Acres of Land be Reserved for a Parsonage One hundred Acres for the first minister of the Gospel and One hundred Acres for the Benefit of a School

Provided Nevertheless the Peace with the Indians Continue during the aforesaid Term of four Years but if it should so happen that a War with the Indians should Com'ence before the afores[d] Term of Four Years be Expired there Shall be allowed to the aforesaid Proprietors the Term of Four Years after the Expiration of the War to Perform the aforesaid Conditions Rendring & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors or Such other officer or officers as Shall be appointed to Receive the Same the Annual quit rent or Acknowledg-

ment of one Pound of Good Merchantable Hem[p] in Said Town on the first Day of December Yearly for ever if Demanded Reserving also unto us our heirs & Successors All Mast Trees growing on the Said Land according to Act of Parliament made & *1–241 Provided in that Case and for the better order rule & *Government of the Said Town We by these Presents Grant for Us our heirs & Successors unto the aforesaid Proprietors and those that Shall Inhabit the Said Town that Yearly & every Year upon the first Wednesday in May they may meet (at any Place within our Province of New Hamp^{r} aforesaid until the Settlement of the aforesaid Town is Perfected and afterwards in the Said Town) to elect & Chuse by the Major Part of them Constables Select men and all other Town officers according to the Laws & usage of our aforesaid Province with such Powers Previledges & Authority as other Towns & Town officers within our s^{d} Prov^{e} have & Enjoy and we appoint our Loving Subjects Theodore Atkinson Joshua Foss & Cap^{t} Samuel Weeks to be the Selectmen to manage the affairs of Said Town for this Present Year and until others Are Chosen In their Room by the aforesaid Proprietors In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto Annexed Witness John Wentworth Esq our Leiutenant Governour & Commander in Chieff in & over our Said Province at our Town of Portsm^{o} the Eighteenth Day of May in the Thirtieth Year of our reign Annoq Domini 1727

J Wentworth

By order of his Hon^{e} L^{t} Govern^{r}
with Advice of Council
Rich^{d} Waldron Cler Con

Recorded the 8th Day of September 1761 According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

℔ Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

ERROL.

[Granted Feb. 28, 1774, to Timothy Ruggles and others. A large part of the grant was purchased by men from Salem and Danvers, Mass. Incorporated Dec. 28, 1836.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 633; Index to Laws, 169; sketch, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 948; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 610; Androscoggin Lakes, by Charles A. J. Farrar, 1887, p. 221.]

[ERROL CHARTER, 1774.]

*Province of New Hampshire ERROL } GEORGE the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c *4–191

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting

KNOW YE that we of our special grace certain knowledge and meer motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province by and with the advice of our trusty & well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq^r our Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council of the said Province have upon the conditions and reservations herein after made given and granted & by these Presents for Us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant in equal Shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and our other Dominions who have petitioned Us for the same setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement and to their Heirs and Assigns forever whose Names are entered on this Grant to be divided to & amongst them into eighty six equal Shares all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being within our said *Province of New Hampshire containing by admeasurement Thirty two thousand four hundred & eighty Acres *4–192 out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways & unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains and Waters Two thousand Acres free according to a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's order and returned into the Secretarys Office of our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows viz^t Begining at a Stake standing in a Meadow on the East boundary Line of our said Province and is the Northeasterly Corner bound of Cambridge (so called) from thence runing North eight degrees East on the Province Line Seven Miles and eighty Rods to a Spruce Tree standing on the North side of a Pond mark H N and E G thence North eighty two degrees West Seven Miles to a red Birch Tree Marked as aforesaid thence South eight degrees West Seven Miles & eighty Rods to a Spruce Tree marked as aforesaid standing in the North boundary Line of Dummer (so called) from thence South eighty two degrees East by Dummer and Cambridge to the Stake first mentioned TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as

above expressed together with all Privileges and Appurtenances to them and to their respective Heirs and Assigns forever by the Name of ERROL upon the following conditions Viz[t]

FIRST That the grantees at their own Cost shall cut clear, bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of four rods wide through the said Tract hereby granted as shall be at any time hereafter directed by our said Governor and Council which Road shall be completed in one Year from the date of such directions in failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to Us our Heirs and Successors to be by Us or them reentered upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects

SECONDLY That all white pine and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting our royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or felled without special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee his Heirs and
*4-193 Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well *as being subject to the Penalties of any Act or Acts of Parliament that are or hereafter shall be enacted

THIRDLY That before any division of the Land be made to & among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the Center of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots One of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of One Acre

FOURTHLY Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of March 1780 the rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded—

FIFTHLY That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto Us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year forever from and after the expiration of ten Years from the date of this Grant One Shilling proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same

SIXTHLY That any part of the Premises appearing well adapted to the growth of Hemp and Flax or either of them shall be cultivated with those useful Articles of produce in the proportion of ten Acres in each and every hundred of these granted Premises within Ten Years of this date

SEVENTHLY. That Ten Families shall be settled and actually resident in the Town within Two Years of this date

EIGHTHLY That additional Settlements be made so as to complete Sixty Families in Six Years from this date

NINTHLY That this Grant shall not interfere with any of our Grants formerly made and now in force nor interrupt the Grantees in their improvements making thereon agreable to the conditions thereof—These to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed witness JOHN WENTWORTH *Esq our Governor and Commander in chief *4–194 aforesaid the twenty eighth day of February in the fourteenth Year of our reign and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1774

By his Excellencys command
with advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Sec^y

The NAMES of the Grantees of ERROL

The Hon^ble Timothy Ruggles Esq^r	James Brewer	Noah Dewey
George Boyd Esq^r	Jonathan Hartwell	William Bell
James Reed Esq^r	Henry Morse	John Chamberlin
James Richardson Esq^r	Jonathan Hamond	Amos Peasley
Phinehas Hutchins	Greenwood Carpenter	Robert Peasley
James Reed jun^r	Jonathan Woodcock jun^r	Samuel Ham
Theodrick Reed	Samuel Hunt	John White
Andrew Colburn	Ebenezer Green	Manasseh Divell
Joseph Hemenway	Benjamin Grant	John Solendine
Joseph Potter	Benjamin Grant jun^r	Phinehas Butler
Benedic Webber	Peter Grant	James Butler
Thomas Tolman	Samuel Smith	Robert Kennedy jun^r
Ebenezer Tolman	Israel Morey Esq^r	Elijah Daly
William Tolman	Jonathan Childs	Azariah Webb
Samuel Bishop	Amasa Woodworth	Samuel Cutts
Elijah Clays	Joel Woodworth	Rev^d Benj^a Stephens of Kittery
John Whiting	William Thomson	Hon^ble George Jaffrey Esq^r
John Anger	David Thomson	Edward Sclate
John Fassett	William Marston	Andrey M^cGaffy
Samuel Gravs	Jacob Marston	Thomas Macdonogh
Moses Whiteney	Matthew Miller	Sam^l Wentworth Fisher
Jonah Harrington	James Miller	Daniel Sherburne

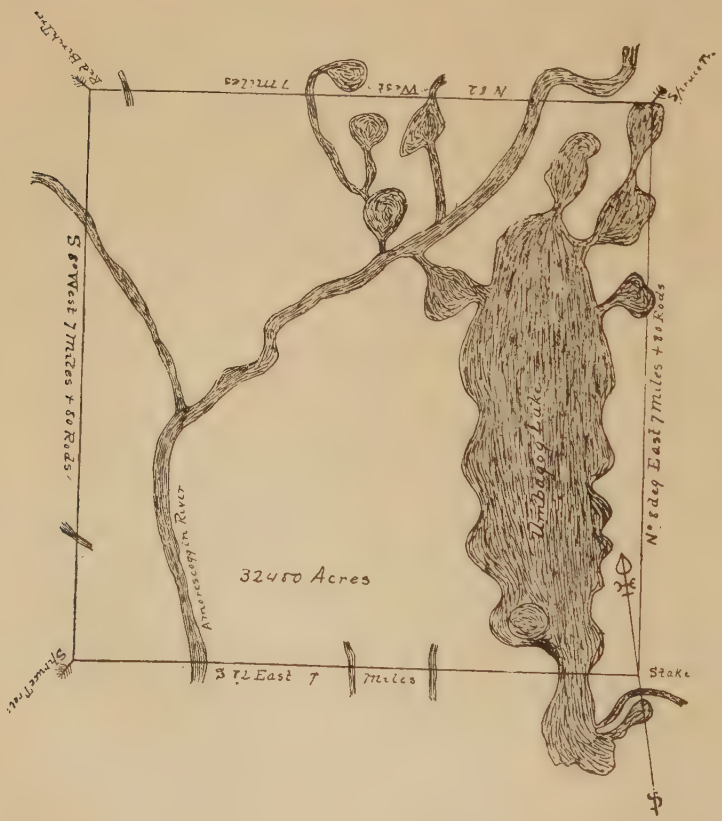
Edward Kendal	Timothey Batholomew	Samuel Sherburne
Gershom Brigham	Benjamin Chamberlin	Edward Sherburne
James Tiffeny	Noah Grant	John Lyford jun^{r}
Nathan Hall	Silvanus Owen	William Torry
Edward Platts	John Roberts	William Barker
Andrew Bell		

One whole Share for the Church of England by law establish'd One whole Share for the benefit of a School in said Town & One whole Share for the incorporated Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts—

J { P S } Wentworth

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this fourteenth day of March 1774

Attest^{r} Geo: King D Sec^{y}



Province of
New Hampshire } Portsmouth 20th Jany 1774 This certify's that this Plan of ERROL begining at a Stake standing in a Meadow on the East boundary Line of said Province and is the northeasterly Corner bounds of Cambridge (so called) from thence runing North eight degrees East on the Province Line Seven Miles and eighty Rods to a Spruce Tree standing on the north side of a Pond marked H N and E G thence North eighty two degrees West Seven miles to a red Birch Tree marked as aforesaid thence South eight degrees West Seven Miles and eighty rods to a Spruce Tree marked as aforesaid standing on the North boundary Line of Dummer (so called) from thence South eighty two degrees East by Dummer and Cambridge to the Stake first mentioned contains thirty two thousand four hundred and eighty Acres and is a true copy of an original Plan or Survey of said Tract or Township as taken and returned to me by Capt Hubartus Neal Depy Surv[r]

Attest Is: Rindge S. G[l]
Geo: King D Sec[ry]

Copy examined by

[GRANT TO WILLIAM ERVING, 1775.]

*Province of
New Hampshire } GEORGE the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c[a] *4-239

P. S.

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting WHEREAS WE have thought fit by our Proclamation at St James's the seventh day of October in the third Year of Our reign Annoque Domini 1763 among other things to testify Our royal Sence and approbation of the conduct and bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of Our Armies and signified Our desire to reward the same & have therein commanded and impowered Our several Governors of Our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without Fee or reward to such reduced Officers as have served in America during the late War and to such private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there & shall personally apply for the same such Quantities of Land respectively as in and by Our aforesaid Proclamation are particularly mentioned subject nevertheless to the same Quitrents & Conditions of cultivation & improvement as other Our Lands are Subject to in the Province in which they are granted And whereas William

WILLIAM ERVING'S Location's

Erving of Boston had Our Appointment as a Captain and served in America during the late War & is now reduced & he having made personal Application & sollicited for such Grant agreable to Our said Proclamation.

KNOW YE that We of Our special grace certain Knowledge and meer motion do signify Our approbation as aforesaid and for the encouragement settlement & cultivation of Our Lands within Our said Province of New Hampshire have & by & with the advice of Our trusty & well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire Our Governor and Commander in chief of Our said Province of
*4-240 New Hampshire & of Our Council *of the same agreable to Our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation & upon the conditions & reservations hereafter mentioned given & granted & by these Presents for Us Our Heirs & Successors do give and grant unto the said William Erving & to his Heirs and Assigns forever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying & being in Our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid containing by admeasurement Three thousand four hundred sixty eight Acres & three Rods of Land including Ponds Rivers and unimproveable Mountains as by a Plan or Survey of said Tract exhibited by Our Surveyor General of Lands for Our said Province of New Hampshire & returned into the Secretary's Office of Our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed may more fully appear butted & bounded as follows viz^{t} Begining at a Spruce Tree Marked J W being the Southeasterly Corner Bounds of the Township of Cockburn & runing south twenty degrees West One Mile to a Fir Tree spotted & marked J F W E 1774 for the Southwestly Corner from thence South seventy degrees East two Miles & One hundred & ten Rods to a Fir Tree spotted & marked J F W E 1774 for the Southeasterly Corner from thence runing North twenty degrees East two Miles & one hundred Rods to a Maple Tree for the Northeasterly Corner from thence runing North Seventy degrees West two Miles & One hundred & ten Rods to the easterly side line of the said Town of Cockburne for the northwesterly Corner from thence runing South twenty degrees West on the Line of said Town One Mile & one hundred Rods to the place first began at TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed to him the said William Erving his Heirs and Assigns forever upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations viz^{t}

*4-241 *FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make passable a Road through the said Tract of Land four Rods

wide for Carriages &c as shall be at any time hereafter directed or ordered by the Governor & Council aforesaid which Road is to be completed in one Year from the date of the Order or direction aforesaid on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to Us Our Heirs & Successors

SECONDLY That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled three Families in seven Years from the date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premises to revert to Us Our Heirs and Successors to be entered upon & regranted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same

THIRDLY That all white & other pine Trees fit for masting Our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use & none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee to Us Our Heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament

FOURTHLY That the Grantee yield & pay therefor to Us Our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of January 1777 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

FIFTHLY That the Grantee his Heirs & Assigns shall yield & pay unto Us Our Heirs & Successors, yearly and every Year forever from & after the expiration of eight Years from the aforesaid first day of January 1777 One Shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns settles or Possesses & so in proportion for a greater or less quantity of the Land aforesaid which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor or Settler as aforesaid *in Our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same *4–242

SIXTHLY That any part of the Premises appearing well adapted to the growth of Hemp and Flax or either of them be cultivated with these useful Articles of produce in the proportion of ten Acres in each & every hundred Acres of these granted Premises within Ten Years of this date

SEVENTHLY That this Grant shall not interfere with any of Our Grants formerly made & now in force nor interrupt the Grantees in their Improvements making thereon agreable to the Conditions thereof— These to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH

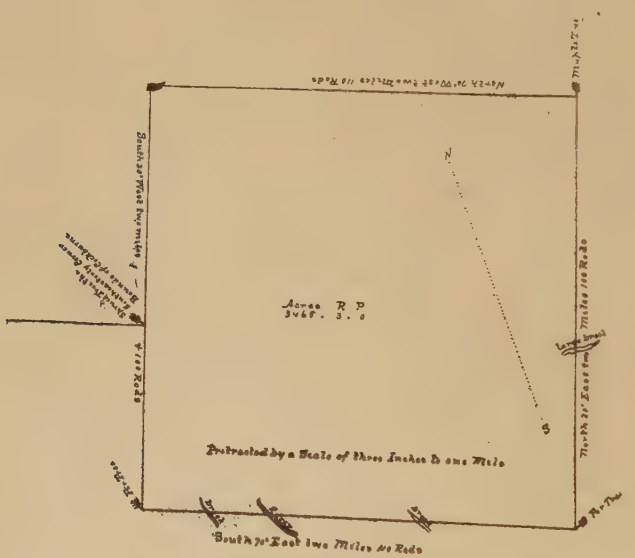
Esq[r] Our aforesaid Governor & Commander in chief the second day of June in the fifteenth Year of Our reign & in the Year of our Lord Christ 1775

J Wentworth

By his Excellency's command
with advice of Councel
Geo: King Dep[y] Sec[y]

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this 3[d] day of June 1775

Attest[r] Geo: King D' Sec[y]



Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth May 31st 1775— These certify that this Plan of a Tract of Land laid out for Captain William Erving Begining at a Spruce Tree marked J W being the southeasterly Corner Bounds of the Township of Cockburne & runing South twenty degrees West one Mile to a Fir Tree spotted & marked J F, W E 1774 for the Southwesterly Corner from thence South seventy degrees East Two Miles
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Attest Joseph Peirce pro Surveyor General

Copy examined by Geo: King Dep^y Sec^y

EXETER.

[This was a part of the Squamscot or Swampscot Patent. It was never formally incorporated but corporate functions were assumed from the time of settlement. John Wheelwright and his company made an agreement of self-government July 4, 1639, under which they lived until 1641 when they submitted to the government of Massachusetts. Newmarket was set off and incorporated Dec. 15, 1727; Epping, Feb. 23, 1741–2; Brentwood, June 26, 1742.

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Society, 147; John Wheelwright, His Writings, etc., and a Memoir, by Charles H. Bell, 1876, pp. 253; Journal of Congress Assembled at Exeter, 1775, Dawson's Historical Magazine, 2d series, vol. 4, p. 145; The Names of Some Who Took the Oath of Freeman, 1644, 1657, by A. W. Brown, 8, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 77; Old Burial Places, by E. Nason, 16, *id.*, 258; Papers Concerning the Riot, 1734, Dawson's Historical Magazine, 2d series, vol. 8, p. 14; Phillips Exeter Academy, 1, Granite Monthly, 12; Relationship of the Combination Settlers, 1639, by J. Wentworth, 21, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 315; Remarks on the Authenticity of the Wheelwright Deed of 1629, by W. Plumer, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 299; Riot, 1734, Dawson's Historical Magazine, 2d series, vol. 4, p. 190; Exeter and Its Academy, by S. Alice Ranlett, 10, New England Magazine, 69; Centennial Celebration Phillips Exeter Academy, 1883; Town and Gown, sketch, by G. H. Moses, 16, Granite Monthly, 16; Phillips Exeter Academy, by H. W. Stevens, 10, *id.*, 104; Origin of Signers of Early Exeter Combination, 23, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 185; Deed from Capt. Thomas Wiggin to Capt. Richard Waldron and Thomas Lake, 24, *id.*, 234; An Ancient Inquest, 25, *id.*, 295; Leading Business Men, by G. F. Bacon, 1891; address, Centennial Celebration, 1838, by Jeremiah Smith; Familiar Sketches of Phillips Exeter Academy, by F. H. Cunningham, 1883, pp. 360.]

APPENDIX.

LINES OF TOWNS.

DUNSTABLE TO NORTHFIELD.

DUNSTABLE TO PENACOOK.

RUMFORD TO THE GREAT FALLS.

EAST SIDE OF CONNECTICUT RIVER.

[DUNSTABLE TO NORTHFIELD.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 2, 1726.]

A Petition of *Jonas Bond*, *Francis Fullam*, and others, Committees or Agents in behalf of the Towns of *Watertown* & *Weston*, praying that they may have an Equivalent of Lands now made to them in consideration of two Grants made to the Towns of *Watertown*, *Annis* 1637, & 1651, which as the Petitioners aver has not yet been satisfied or taken up. Read and referred to the next Session for further Consideration.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 9, 1726.]

On the Petition of *Jonas Bond*, *Francis Fulham* and others, in behalf of the Towns of *Watertown* & *Weston*, praying, as Entred the 2d of *June* last, and referred to this Session:

Resolved, That in Consideration of the ancient Grants made to the Town of *Watertown* by this Court, which (they say) have not been satisfied, That the Contents of Six Miles square, *viz.* The Centre or *Middle-Town* to be laid out betwen the Rivers of *Merrimack* and *Connecticut*, be granted to the said Towns of *Watertown* and *Weston*, in Answer to their Petition; and that they perform the Conditions that this Court shall direct them, in Setling the same at the next *May* Session of the Court, in full Satisfaction of the Two Grants above.

Sent up for concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal Dec. 9, and Court Records, Dec. 21, 1726.]

Mr. Speaker from the Committee appointed to take under Consideration the Petitions of sundry of the Inhabitants of this Province, for several Tracts of Land within the Province, in Order for Settling the same, and Erecting them into Townships, as Entered the 25th of *November*, made Report thereon, according to Order, Which being severally Read & Considered, were Accepted, *viz.*

The House having taken into their serious & deliberate Consideration the several Petitions for Lands between the Rivers of Merrimack *and* Connecticut; *and considering also the Forward-*

ness of the great Number of the Petitioners to Settle themselves and their Children thereon; and the shortning the Western Frontiers more than Sixty Miles, if a Line of Towns were setled between Dunstable *and* Northfield; *and thereby the Charge of the Government in time of War would be sunk:*

Voted, That there be a careful View and Survey of the Lands between the Towns of *Dunstable* and *Northfield* of ten Miles in Width, by a Committee of able & suitable Persons, who shall after a due Knowledge of the Circumstances thereof, lay the same into as many Townships of the Contents of Six Miles square, as the Lands will contain; and allow neither of the said Towns to be more than Six Miles East & West; and make Report of their Doings to this Court, at their next *May* Session, that so a Number of the Petitioners who may be allowed Preference, or others, may be admitted into each of the Towns, and be obliged to perform such Conditions, and be under such Regulations & Directions as may be tho't proper by the Court in their next *May* Session. The Committee to give Publick Notice of the Time of their Proceeding in this Service, that so any of the Petitioners may attend them and assist herein; and that the said Petitions for these Lands between the Two said Rivers, be further continued to the Session of the Court in *May* next: And that Maj. *Chandler*, Mr. *Wilder* and Capt. *Wells*, with such as the Honourable Board shall appoint be a Committee for the Affair above; and that they be impowered to employ Two Surveyors, and four Chain-Men on Oath in the said Service.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 21, 1726.]

In Council; Read & Concur'd with the Amendm^ts^ And Samuel Thaxter Esq^r^ is joined in the Affair;—According to which Amendments the said Vote would run as follows; viz.

Voted that there be a careful View & Survey of the Lands between the Towns of Dunstable & Northfield of ten Miles in Wedth by a Committee of able & suitable Persons, who shall after a due Knowledge of the Circumstances thereof, lay the same into as many Townships of the Contents of six Miles square as the Lands will contain & allow; Neither of the said Towns to be more than six Miles East & West, & make Report of their Doings to this Court at their next May Session, And that Major Chandler, M^r^

Wilder & M^r^ Wells with such as the Honour^ble^ Board shall appoint be a Committee for the Affair above, and that they be impowered to employ two Survey^rs^ & four Chain men on Oath in the said Service.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 22, 1726.]

Jonathan Belcher, Esq; bro't down the Vote of the House of the 9th Currant for a Survey of the Lands between *Dunstable* & *Northfield*, &c. Passed in Council, *viz*, In Council, *Decemb.* 21st 1726. Read & Concur'd with the Amendments, *viz*. *Dele* --- A. *From* the beginning of the Vote --- *to* the words --- the shortning *&c* --- *and add* --- Whereas --- *Dele* --- B. --- the words --- would be sunk --- *and add* --- will in a great measure be lessened. --- *Dele* the words --- C. --- That so a Number *&c* --- to the End of that Paragraph --- *and add* --- whereby this Court will be the better directed what further Progress to take touching those Lands for the Benefit of the Province. *Dele* --- D. --- *from* the words, --- The Committee to give Notice, *&c* --- to --- in *May* next. And *Samuel Thaxter*, Esq; is joyned in the Affair. Sent down for Concurrence. Read. And the Amendments A. B. & D. Concur'd, the Amendment C. Non-concur'd; and the House insist on their Vote as an Amendment. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 28, 1726.]

The Vote of the House for a Line of Towns between the Towns of Dunstable & Northfield, with the Amendm^ts^ of the Board made thereon (As entered Dec. 21, 1726) was brought up from the House with their Disagreement to some of the Amendm^ts^ & Agreem^t^ to the other, noted thereon.

In Council; Read & Non Concur'd And the Board adhere to their Amendments.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 30, 1726.]

The Vote of the House on the several Petitions for Land between the Towns of *Dunstable* and *Northfield*, as Entred the 22d.

Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council, *Decemb.* 28th, 1726. Read and Non-Concur'd, and the Board adhere to their Amendment. Read and the House insist on their own Vote so far as that the further Consideration of the said Petitions, and the Votes thereon be Referred to the next *May* Session of this Court.

[Mass. House Journal, June 2, 1727.]

The several Petitions for sundry percels of Land within this Province in Order to have the same Erected into Townships, as entred the *30th* of *December* past, and referred to this Session, were Read, and the House having fully debated on and considered the same *Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Prescott*, Capt. *Goddard*, Mr. *Cotton*, Capt. *Rolfe*, Maj. *Chandler*, *Thomas Church* Esq; Mr. *Dickenson*, and Col. *Harman*, be a Committee to whom the aforesaid Petitions are referred, that they take the same under Consideration, and Report their Opinion of what may be proper for this Court to do in Answer to them, and in order to have the said Tracts of Land granted into Townships and effectually settled.

[Mass. House Journal, June 14, 1727.]

Mr. Speaker from the Committee to whom was referred (on the Second Currant,) the several Petitions for sundry parcels of Land within this Province, in order to have the same Erected into Townships, Reported, That the said Committee had taken part of the said Petitions into Consideration, and Agreed on a Report so far, which was Read and Accepted, and thereupon the House came into the following Vote, *Viz.*

In Answer to sundry Petitions for several Parcels of Land between Connecticut *and* Merrimack Rivers,

Resolved, That it will be greatly to the Advantage of this Province, tend much to the Defence and Security thereof, and many Miles shorten the Western Frontiers, if a Line of Towns might be laid out and Setled between the said Rivers, and thereby the Charge and Expence of a War if it should happen be abundantly lessened, and room made for great Numbers of His Majesties Subjects to Settle who are by their Increase streightened for want thereof, That therefore a Careful View and Survey of the Land

of Fifteen Miles in Weadth, *viz.* Twelve Miles Northward, and Three Miles Southward of a streight Line from *Dunstable* Northwest Corner to *Northfield* Northeast Corner, to be made by a Committee for this purpose, and after a due knowledge of the Nature and Conveniences thereof, the same be laid out into as many Townships of the Contents of Six Miles Square, and none of them to be more than Five Miles Wide East and West, as the Land will allow of, and that be a Committee fully Authorized and Impowred to bring forward the Settlements in the said Town, *viz* for Three of the Towns next *Connecticut* for Three of the Towns next *Merrimack River*, and for the Remainder, who shall admit such and only such of the Petitioners into the said Towns to whom preference may be given, and as near as may be unto the Place or Places they Petition for, and others that shall offer to the Number of Sixty Families in each Township who shall be obliged by the said Committee, to Build a Dwelling-House, Fence in and break up at least Five Acres of Land within the Space of Five Years next after their being admitted Inhabitants by the said Committee; and in Case any Person shall not comply with the Direction of the Committee in Setling and Improving, and thereby forfeit his Lott &c. The Committee shall take the Direction of the General Court therein before they proceed to New Grant the same, and the said Inhabitants admitted into each and every of the said Towns, shall pay into the Hands of the Committee, the Sum of *Five Pounds* each, to be laid out to pay the Expences and Charges of the Committee and Surveys in Allotting the House or Home Lotts, and a Lott for the Ministry, Minister and School in each Township, together with equal Rights and Dividends &c. and after the said Expence is Discharged, the Overplus if any be shall be returned to the Town for their Use and Benefit, as they see Cause, The Committees to have Power to determine the Place for the Erecting an House for the publick Worship of God in the said Towns respectively.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, June 16, 1727.]

Mr. Speaker from the Committee for Lands further Reported, on the Petition of the Agents of the Towns of *Watertown* and *Weston*, Praying for an Equivalent for two Grants of Land made

the Town of *Watertown*, *Annis* 1637 & 1651, as entred the Second of *June* and Ninth of *December* last, which was Read and Accepted, and *Ordered*, That the Contents of Six Miles square, *viz.* The Centre Town in the Line of Towns between *Merrymack* and *Connecticut* Rivers be granted to the said Towns in such Proportion as they are respectively set in the Province Tax, or otherwise as they shall agree, *Provided*, That within the space of Eight Years from the Grant hereof, they settle Sixty Families, and an Able, Learned, Orthodox Minister, and lay out a Lot for him, and another for the Ministry, also a Lot for the School, together with equal Rights and Dividends, which the other Inhabitants to be Admitted therein may be Entitled to, in full Consideration of the within mentioned Grants.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 24, 1727.]

A Vote came up from the House of Represent^ves for granting a Line of Towns from Connecticut River to Merrimack River, (much in the same Form of that pass'd in the last Fall Session,)—Upon which Vote, the Board Concurr'd with the Amendm^ts noted thereon; Agreeing so far with the House as that the Land be surveyed & laid out; But Disagreing with them as to its being granted & allotted out to Settlers at this Time.

Which Amendm^ts being sent down to the House for their Concurrence thereon, were sent up again to the Board with their Vote of Non Concurrence, & that they adhere to their own Vote.

[Mass. Court Records, July 4, 1727.]

Upon a Motion made at the Board to reconsider the Vote of the Board referring to a Line of Towns between Connecticut River & Merrimack River. It was Voted that the same be reconsidered:

And after Re-Consideration, the Board Voted a Non Concurrence to the Vote of the House, and that they insist on their Amendments.

In the House of Represent^ves Voted that a Conference be had between the Houses on the Subject Matter of the Vote of the Hon^ble Board for Amending the Vote of the House on the several Petitions for sundry Parcels of Land between Merrimack & Connecticut Rivers The Conference to be attended to Morrow, If the Hon^ble Board please.

In Council; Read & Concur'd, The Conference to be held To Morrow at eleven a Clock in the Fore Noon.

In the House of Represent^ves Read & Concur'd.

And the Board appointed Nathaniel Byfield, John Cushing Benjamin Lynde, Edmund Quincy, Thomas Fitch & Jonathan Belcher Esq^rs to be Managers of the said Conference on their Part.

[Mass. Court Records, July 5, 1727.]

M^r Speaker & the House came up to the Council Chamber accordingly; And the Two Houses proceeded to the said Conference, And when it was finished, the Represent^ves return'd back to their Chamber

And after the Conference, the Question was put Whether the Board would reconsider their vote pass'd on the Vote of the House for granting a Line of Towns &c? And it pass'd in the Negative.

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 20, 1727.]

The Vote of the House for several Lines of new Towns, Amended by the Board the 13^th of December Instant, was brought up with the Agreem^t of the House to some of the Amendments and their Disagreem^t to the most material ones with their Vote of Adherence:—In Council, Read & Non Concur'd, And the Board insist on their Amendm^ts

In Council, Voted that Nathaniel Byfield, Thomas Fitch, Edmund Quincy, Jonathan Belcher & Samuel Thaxter Esq^r be a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Hon^ble House of Representatives upon the Matter in Difference between the two Houses on the Vote for making three Lines of Towns on the Frontiers of this Province:—In the House of Represent^ves Read & Concur'd; And Voted that M^r Speaker, M^r Wells, Cpt. Eastwick, Major Tilestone, M^r Miller, Major Chandler, & M^r Prescot be a Committee on the Part of the House to confer with a Committee of the Hon^ble Board on the Subject Matter above.

[Dunstable to Penacook.]

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 9, 1726.]

The House having taken into Consideration the Petitions of sundry of the Inhabitants of the antient Towns of Ipswich, Newbury

and Almsbury, *for several Tracts of Land on both sides of* Merrimack *River, extending from the Northerly Bounds of* Dunstable, *to the New Town lately granted at* Penny-Cook; *and that there are Inhabitants eno' in those Towns to make good & regular Settlements of the said Lands, and would speedily Do it if they might have a Grant & Authority therefor from this Court, if the* Irish *People do not prevent them; the House being informed they have already begun to lay out and allot part thereof:*

Voted, That all the Lands lying between the Bounds aforesaid, on each side of *Merrimack* River, *That is to say*, Three Miles to the Eastward of the said River, and Five Miles to the Westward thereof, be carefully Viewed & Surveyed by a Committee of this Court, who may be able after being acquainted with the Nature & Scituation thereof, to Lay the same out into as many Townships of the Contents of Six Miles square, as the same will contain for the Accommodation of the Petitioners, or such other Persons as in the Judgment of the Committee for that Service to be appointed, may be tho't most capable of bringing forward the Settlements under such Regulations as the Court shall Order. The Committee to give Publick Notice of the Time of their Proceeding in this Service, that so any of the Petitioners may attend if they see Cause; and they are to Report their Doings to this Court at the next *May* Session, and that the said Petitions be referred to the said Session, for further Consideration accordingly. And Capt. *John Shipley*, Mr. *Isaac Cushman*, and Mr. *Edward White*, with such as the Honourable Board shall appoint be a Committee for the Affair above; And that they be allowed and impowered to Employ a Surveyor and Two Chain-men upon Oath, in the said Service.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[The above entered in Court Records, Dec. 21, 1726. Non-concurred in Council.]

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 30. 1726.]

The Vote of the House of the 9th Currant, on the several Petitions for Land on *Merrimack* River between *Dunstable* and the New Town lately granted at *Penny-Cook*, Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council, *Decemb.* 21, 1726. Read & Non-concur'd. Read. And the House insist on their own Vote, so far as that the further Consideration of the said Petitions be referred to the next *May* Session of this Court.

[Mass. House Journal, June 19, 1727.]

Mr. Speaker from the Committee for Lands further reported, On the several Petitions for lands up and on each side of *Merrimack*-River, which was Read and Accepted, and thereupon *Ordered*, That a careful Survey be made of the Lands on each side of that River, *viz.* Three Miles on the East-side and Five Miles on the West-side thereof, by a Committee from this Court, after which Survey, the same be laid out into as many Townships of the Contents of Six Miles square as the Land will allow of, and that be a Committee, *viz.* for three of the Towns Southward of that already laid out at *Penny-Cook*, and for the remainder of the Towns to *Dunstable*, And the first Township next that already Granted at *Penny-Cook* be allowed and Granted unto the Soldiers under the Command of the late Capt. *John Lovewell*, if they offer to settle there with others, by the said Committee, who shall be fully Authorized and Impowred hereunto, as well as to Admit into each of the other Townships Sixty Families of the Petitioners or others, who shall be obliged to bring forward Settlements by Building each a Dwelling-House, breaking up and Improving at least five Acres each Person, within the space of five Years, next after they are Admitted, and to Pay into the Hands of the Committee, *Five Pounds* each Man, to defrey the Charges of the necessary Surveys and other Charges in laying out the House or Home Lotts, as near to each other as may be, and the Over plus if there be any such, to be returned to the Tow[n]s respectively, to employed as they shall see cause, in any Publick Buildings, &c. The Committee to determine the place for Building a Meeting House on in each Town, and lay out a Lot for the Ministry Minister and School; and if any Person shall not comply with the Terms, on which they shall be Admitted by the said Committee, and thereby forfeit their Lotts, &c. that the Committee shall apply for, and take the further Direction of this Court, before they grant out the same again.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[June 5, 1727, a conference of both Houses was held "on the Subject matter of the Vote of the Honourable Board, for amending the Vote of the House on the several Petitions for sundry percels of Land between *Merrimack* and *Connecticut* Rivers." Nothing was accomplished, and the matter was referred to the next session.]

[Mass. House Journal, June 24, 1727.]

Samuel Browne Esq; brought down the Vote of the House of the 14th. currant, in Answer to sundry Petitions for several percels of Land between *Connecticut* and *Merrimack* Rivers. Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council, *June 23d*, 1727. Read and Concur'd, with the Amendments, *viz.* Dele—the Preamble of the Vote, *viz. In Answer to &c.* Dele the Words—*Who are by their Increase Streightened for want thereof*—Dele from the Words—*as the Land will allow off, and that*—to the End of the Vote, & add—*And make a plann thereof, describing therein the Scituation of the several Townships, and how they are respectively Accomodated with Upland and Meadow, the charge thereof to be born by the Province, and make return thereof to this Court as soon as may be.* Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and Non-concurr'd, and the House Adhere to their own Vote.

[Mass. Court Records, June 27, 1727.]

A VOTE was brought up from the House of Represent^ves (which was pass'd by that House) for surveying, laying out & granting a Line of Towns on Merrimack River from Penicook to Dunstable; —Which Vote being read & debated in Council, was Non Concur'd.

[Mass. House Journal, Nov. 27, 1727.]

Voted, That. Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Wainwright*, Major *Chandler*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Shove*, Capt. *Eastwicke*, Capt. *Willard*, and Mr. *Wright* be a Committee to project a proper Method for the Setling the Lines of Towns between the Rivers of *Merrimack* and *Connecticut*; and from *Dunstable* to *Penny-Cook*; and also from *Newichawannick River* to *Casco;* and for the Emitting a suitable Sum of Money for the Encouragement, and Effectual bringing forward the Settlement of the said Lines of Towns, the Effecting of which will be for the Defence and Support of the Government, and the Protection and Preservation of the Inhabitants thereof.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 5, 1727.]

Mr. Speaker, from the Committee Appointed, the 27th *ult.* to consider of and Report a proper Method for the Setling a Line of Towns, from *Merrimack* to *Connecticut* River, from *Dunstable* on each side of *Merrimack* to *Penny-Cook*, and from *Newichawanick* River to *Falmouth* in *Casco-Bay*, made Report thereon according to Order; which being Read twice was accepted, and thereupon the House came into the following Vote:

In the House of Representatives, DECEMBER 5th. 1727.

Resolved, That it will be greatly to the Honour of His Majesties Government, and tend to the Security and Protection of the Inhabitants of this Province; very much Shorten our Inland Frontiers, both *Westward* and *Eastward*, and vastly lessen the Charge of the Defence of this Government in time of War, if there was a Line of Towns Setled, as near each other as possible, and in as streight or direct a Course as the Nature of the Land will allow of between the said Rivers, and up the said *Merrimack*, and between *Newichawannick* and *Falmouth* aforesaid.

Therefore that be a Committee carefully to View and Survey all the Lands in a streight Course from *Northfield* North-east Corner, to *Dunstable* North-west Corner, Ten Miles to the North-ward of the said Line, and Five Miles South-ward thereof, and after a due Consideration of the Quality thereof, the said Committee lay the same out into as many Townships as the distance will allow of, the Contents of Six Miles Square each, and none to be more than Five Miles Eastward and Westward, or in Width, and make Report thereof to this Court as soon as may be. And, That be the Committee to make the like careful View and Survey on each side of *Merrimack* River; *That is to say*, Three Miles Eastward thereof to Six Miles Westward, and after a due Consideration of the Nature and Scituation thereof, to lay out the whole Tract from *Dunstable* North Line to *Penny-Cook* Township's South Line, into as many Townships of the Contents of Six Miles Square, as the same will allow of, and none of the Towns to be more than Five Miles North and South, or on the River, And, That be a Committee to take a careful View, and make an exact Survey of the Lands Ten Miles Northward, of a streight Line, from the Northwest Corner of *Berwick* on *Newichawannick* River to *Falmouth* West Corner; and after a full Consideration of the Quality thereof, they lay out the

same into as many Townships of the like Contents of Six Miles Square as it will allow of, none to be more than Five Miles North-east and Southwest, and make Report to this Court as soon as may be: and that each, and every of the Townships to be Viewed and Surveyed, and laid out as aforesaid, be Given, Granted and Confirmed to His Majesties Subjects the Inhabitants of this Province upon their Settling thereon, improving thereof, and performing the Conditions hereafter prescribed: And therefore for the better Ordering, Settling and Perfecting this great and beneficial Affair, That be a Committee for Three of the said Townships nearest *Connect cut* River. That be a Committee for Three of the said Townships next *Marrimack* River. That be a Committee for the remaining Townships between the said Two Rivers. That be a Committee for the Townships on each side of *Marrimack*, River. And, That be a Committee for the Towns in the Eastward Frontier, or between *Newichawannick* and *North Yarmouth*, who shall be full Authorized and Impowred to admit into Grant, and lay out to the Inhabitants of this Province House or Home Lotts, not to exceed Forty Perch Wide. *That is to say*, Not more that One Lot to One Person, for the Erecting a dwelling House on, and to admit into each Township Sixty Families or Persons, their House Lotts to be Forty Acres at the least, and not to exceed Sixty Acres, according to the Quality thereof, and to be Contiguous and in as defensible a Manner as may be: To lay out in each Township a Lot for the Minister, One for the School, and another for the Ministry; and each Lot, *viz.* Sixty three Lots in each Township to draw or be Entitled to equal Parts, Proportions or Dividends in the Townships in which the said House Lots are; The Committee to determine the Place for Erecting a House for the Publick Worship of God; and also lay out One high Way or Road through each Town of at least Four Rods wide; and that the Committee of each Number of Towns as aforesaid be directed to admit such and only such as in their Judgment will Settle and effectually bring forward Settlements on their Lots, and make Improvement; and that the said Committees take effectual care to enjoyn and oblige the Setlers respectively to build a Dwelling House each, and break up, fence, & improve Three Acres each within the space of Two Years, and Two Acres more each year after, until every Grantee or Setler have the Quantity of Ten Acres under Improvement: The whole Charge of the

Committees to be born by and paid out of the Publick Treasury; and they are to make Report of their proceedings herein to the General Court Annually, at their *May* Session.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[The above is entered in Court Records, Dec. 13, 1727: "In Council; Read & Concurr'd with the Amendments."]

[Mass. House Journal Dec. 15, 1727.]

John Wheelwright Esq: brought down the Vote of the House of the 5th Currant for setling a Line of Towns on the Eastern and Western Frontiers. Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council, *December* 13th 1727. Read and Concurr'd with the Amendments, *viz. dele* the words --- *and make Report thereof to this Court as soon as may be* --- and add --- The said Townships so Surveyed to be described & delineated in a Plan or Plans, setting forth the Nature and Quality, together with the Scituation and Circumstances of the Land of all which the said Committee shall make return to this Court as soon as may be: --- *and between the words* --- North and South, or on the River, --- *and* --- and that --- be a Committee, *add* --- The said Townships so Surveyed to be described and delineated in a Plan or Plans setting forth the Nature and Quality together with the Scituation and Circumstances of the Land, of all which the said Committee shall make return to this Court as soon as may be: --- *Dele* the words following, *North East and South-West* --- [*and make report to this Court as soon as may be* ---] *and add* --- The said Townships so Surveyed to be described & delineated in a Plan or Plans, setting forth the Nature and Quality together with the Scituation and Circumstances of the Land, of all which the said Committee shall make return to this Court as soon as may be --- *Dele* trom the words --- *the Conditions hereafter prescribed, and therefore* &c. *to the End of the Vote* --- *and add* --- Such conditions as this Court shall hereafter judge reasonable for the Ordering, Setling and Perfecting so great and beneficial an Affair; *Provided*, upon the return of the said Committees, it shall appear practicable, The charge of Surveying & laying out the said Lands into Townships, as aforesaid to be born by the Province, and paid out of the Publick Treasury.

Sent down for Concurrence. Read, and the House Concur with the Three first Amendments. The two last Amendments Non-concurr'd; and the House adhere to their own Vote as now Amended, *viz*, after the words – – – *Perfecting this great and beneficial Affair* – – – *add* – – – If the same by the respective Committees Returns be reported practicable – – – *Dele*, *from the words* – – – the said Inhabitants of this Province, House or Home Lotts – – – *to the End of the Vote*, *and add*,—The said Inhabitants of this Province, House or Home Lots for their Accommodation, and Erecting Houses thereon, *viz*. Sixty Families in each of the Towns, or so many of the Towns as the Committees for Laying, Surveying and Platting of them shall Report to this Court fit for Inhabitants, and practicable to be setled; and the several & respective Grantees or Persons admitted as abovesaid, shall be under such other and further Directions and Conditions as this Court shall order; *Always provided*, they shall have their Grants without any Purchase Consideration, or paying any Sum or Sums of Money therefor, and the charge of the Committees as aforesaid, to be born by the Province, and paid out of the Publick Treasury, & the Committees for admitting the Inhabitants Annually to lay before this Court in their *May* Session, an account of their proceeding for further Direction.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[June 5, 1728, this bill, as amended, was passed by the House and sent up for concurrence. Entered in Court Records June 14, 1728, with action of Council, as follows:]

In Council; Read & Concur'd so far as that Committees be appointed & directed to survey the Lands before mentioned & make a Plan thereof, expressing the Nature, Circumstances & Quality of the Land in the several Lines, & return the same to this Court as soon as may be in Order to their further Proceedure thereon.

[Rumford to The Great Falls, And On East Side of Connecticut River.]

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 14, 1735–6.]

In the House of Represent[a] Ordered That Col[o] Chandler M[r] Pierson Col[o] Prescott, M[r] Danforth and Maj[r] Brattle with such as the Hon[ble] Board shall Appoint be a Com[tee] to take into considera-

tion the Several petitions for Townships now before the Court and Report what may be proper for the Court to do thereon the Committee to sit forthwith and Report as soon as may be.—

In Council Read & Concurr'd and Edm^d^ Quincey William Dudley Ezekiel Lewis and Anthony Stoddard Esq^rs^ are Joined in the Affair—

[Mass House Journal, Jan. 15, 1735–6.]

William Dudley, Esq; brought down the report of the Committee on the Petitions for Townships &c. which is as follows, *viz.*

The Committee appointed the 14th, currant, to take into consideration the several Petitions for Townships now before the Court, and report what may be proper for the Court to do thereon, having met and maturely considered the same, are humbly of opinion, that there be a careful view and survey of the Lands between *Merrimack* and *Connecticut River*, from the North West Corner of *Rumford* on *Merrimack*, to the Great Falls on *Connecticut*, of twelve miles at the least in breadth, or North and South, by a Committee of eleven able and suitable Persons, to be appointed by this Court, who shall after a due knowledge of the nature and circumstances thereof, lay out the same into as many Townships of the contents of six miles square, as the Land in wedth as aforesaid will allow of, no Township to be more than six miles East and West; and also lay out the Land on the East side of *Connecticut River* from said Falls, to the Township laid out for *Josiah Willard* and others, into as many Townships of the contents of six miles square as the same will allow of; and also the Land on the West side of the River of *Connecticut* from said Falls to the Equivalent Land, into one or two Townships of the contents of six miles square, if the Land will allow thereof; five of which Committee to be a Quorum for surveying and laying out the Townships from *Rumford* to *Connecticut River* as aforesaid, and three of the Committee aforenamed shall be a Quorum for surveying and laying out the Townships on each side of *Connecticut River* as aforesaid; and that the said Committee make report of their doings to this Court at their Session in *May* next, or as soon as conveniently they can, that so the Persons whose names are contained in the several Petitions hereafter mentioned, *viz.* In the Petition of *Hopkington*, in the Petition of *Salisbury* and *Almsbury*, in the Petition of *Cambridge*, in the Petition of *Bradford* and *Wenham*, in the

Petition of *Haverhill*, in the Petition of *Milton* and *Brookline*, in the Petition of *Samuel Chamberlain* and *Jonathan Jewet*, and in the Petition of *Nathanael Harris* &c. in the Petition of *Stevens* and *Golding* &c. in the Petition of *Morgan Cobb* &c. *Jonathan Wells* &c. *Liscomb* and *Johnson* &c. in the Petition of *Isaac Little* &c. in the Petition of *Jonathan Powers* &c. that have not been heretofore admitted Grantees or Settlers within the space of Seven years last past of or in any former or other Grant of a Township, or particular Grant on condition of settling and that shall appear and give security to the value of *Forty Pounds* to perform the Conditions that shall be enjoyned by this Court, may by the major part of the Committee be admitted Grantees into one of the said Townships, the Committee to give publick notice of the time and place of their meeting to admit the Grantees, which Committee shall be impowred to employ Surveyors and Chain men to assist them in surveying and laying out said Townships; the Province to bear the Charge and be repaid by the Grantees (who may be admitted) the whole Charge they shall advance; which Committee we apprehend, ought to be directed and impowred to admit sixty Settlers in each Township, and take their bonds payable to the Committee and their Successors in the said trust, to the use of the Province, for the performance of the Conditions of their Grant, *viz.* That each Grantee build a dwelling House of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least on their respective Home Lots, and fence in and break up for ploughing, or clear and stock with english Grass five acres of Land within three years next after their admittance, and cause their respective Lots to be inhabited, and that the Grantees do within the space of three years from the time of their being admitted, build and finish a convenient Meeting House for the publick Worship of GOD, and settle a learned orthodox Minister: And in case any of the Grantees shall fail or neglect to perform what is enjoined as above, the Committee shall be obliged to put the bonds in suit and take possession of the Lots and Rights that shall become forfeit, and proceed to grant them to other Persons that will appear to fulfil the Conditions within one year next after the said last mention'd Grant. And if a sufficient number of Petitioners that have had no Grant within Seven years as aforesaid, *viz.* Sixty to each Township do not appear, others may be admitted, provided they have fulfilled the Conditions of their former Grant, the Committee to take care that there be sixty three House Lots laid out in as regular compact and defensible manner as the Land will allow of, one of which Lots

shall be for the first settled Minister, one for the second Minister and one for the School, to each of which an equal proportion of Land shall accrue in all future divisions.

The Committee are further of opinion, that there be four Townships opened on the road betwixt *Westfield* and *Sheffield*, and that they be contiguous to one another; and either join to *Sheffield* or to the Township lately granted to the Proprietors of *Suffield*, each of the contents of six miles square, and that they be situated on or as near to the said road as the Land will allow, and that there be sixty three Home Lots laid out in each Township, one of which to be for the first settled Minister, one for the second settled Minister, and one for the School, and one for each Grantee, which shall draw equal shares in all future divisions, said Lots to be laid in as regular compact and defensible manner as may be, that so the several Persons, whose names are contained in sundry Petitions for Townships (to be laid out on or near said road) which have not been heretofore admitted Grantees or Settlers within the space of Seven years last past of or in any former or other Grant of a Township, or particular Grant on condition of Settlement, and that shall appear to give Security to the value of *Forty Pounds* to perform all things on their Lots, and within their respective Townships wherein they are admitted Settlers, in the same manner as the Grantees in any of the Towns between the Rivers of *Connecticut* and *Merrimack* as aforesaid; and that there be a Committee of five suitable Persons appointed by this Court for the service aforesaid, and impowred and obliged as is before provided for with respect to the bringing forward the Line of Towns between the Rivers aforesaid.

per order of the Committee, *Edmund Quincy*

Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *January* 15*th*, 1735. Read and sent down. Read and accepted with the Amendment, *viz.* after the words—The Petition of *Jonathan Powers* &c.—add—John Whitman *Esq; and others*, Samuel Heywood *and others*, Josiah Fassett *and others*, John Flint *and others*, Jonathan Howard *and others*, *of* Bridgewater. Sent up for Concurrence

Ordered, That *Joseph Gerrish*, *Benjamin Prescot*, *Josiah Willard*, *Job Almy*, Esqrs; Mr. *Moses Pierson*, and Capt. *Joseph Gold*, with such as the honourable Board shall join be a committee to all Intents and Purposes, to effect the business projected by the report of the Committee of both Houses, to consider the Petitions for Townships, which passed this day, *viz.* on the proposed Line between *Merrimack* and *Connecticut Rivers*, and

on both sides of *Connecticut River*; and that *John Alden*, Esq; Capt *Stephen Skiffe*, and *John Fisher*, Esq; with such as the honourable Board shall join, be a Committee to effect the business as above projected for the Townships on the road between *Westfield* and *Sheffield*; and that there be granted and allowed to be paid out of the publick Treasury at the rate of *fifteen shillings* per diem to each one of the Committee for every day he is in the Service in the Woods, and subsistence; and *ten shillings* per diem for every day to each one of the said Committee while in the Service in admitting Settlers into the said Towns, and subsistence, to be paid as aforesaid. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 16, 1735–6.]

In the House of Represent^a ORDERED that Joseph Gerrish Benjamin Prescott Josiah Willard Job Almy Esq^rs M^r Moses Pierson and Cap^t Joseph Gold with such as the Hon^ble Board shall Join be a Committee to all Intents and purposes to Effect the business projected by the Report of the Com^tee of both Houses, to Consider the petitions for Townships which passed this day viz^t on the proposed line between Merrimack and Connecticutt Rivers and on both sides of Connecticutt River; and that John Alden Esq^r Cap^t Stephen Skiffe and John Fisher Esq^r with Such as the Hon^ble Board shall Join be a Com^tee to Effect the business above projected for the Townships on the Road between Westfield and Sheffield; and that there be Granted and allowed to be paid out of the publick Treasury after the Rate of fifteen shillings ℔ diem to each one of the Comm^tee for every day he is in the Service in the Woods and Subsistance, and ten shillings ℔ diem for every day to each one of the said Com^tee while in the Service in Admitting Settlers into the said Townships and Subsistance to be paid as aforesaid.

In Council Read & Concurr'd & William Dudley, Samuel Welles, Thomas Berry, Joseph Wilder and John Chandler jun^r Esq^r are Joined with the Com^tee of the House for the line between Merrimack and Connecticutt Rivers &c and Edmund Quincey & Ebenezer Burrill Esq^rs with the Com^tee on the other line

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, March 26, 1736.]

John Jeffries, Esq; brought down a Plat of the Towns lately ordered by this Court to be laid out on each side *Connecticut River* from *Fort Dummer* to the Great Falls, in which Plat is set forth the true bearings and distances between the said Falls and the Townships of *Rumford* & *Contoocook* on the West side of the River, as the same was run with a Chain by Col. *Josiah Willard* and others. Read.

[Mass. House Journal, Nov. 30, 1736.]

Anthony Stoddard, Esq; brought down the report of the Committee on the Line of Towns &c. between the Rivers of *Merrimack* and *Connecticut* &c. with the Plat thereof, the Report is as follows, *Viz.*

The Committee of this Court for the Line of Towns &c. make further Report of their Proceedings thereabout, as follows: Having been informed that the North Bounds of the Equivalent Lands on the West side of *Connecticut* River, did not run West as we platted it, but was twenty two degrees thirty minutes North, which obliged us to run the two Townships on that side of the River accordingly, which is altered in the grand Plat. And having sent some of the Committee to view and run the Lines of the Ashuelot Townships, that we might be certain of not interfering with them, and also the North Bounds of *Arlington* so called on the East side of *Connecticut River*, we found that one of our Towns laid out on that side did actually interfere with one of the *Ashuelots*, we were therefore obliged to alter the Lines of all the four Townships on the East side of the said River; and have reformed them in the said grand Plat accordingly, which we now humbly present for acceptance.

The Committee further report, that having notified the many Petitioners for Townships to meet at *Concord* in *September* last when and where we admitted sixty Persons or Grantees into the Townships following, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, on the East side of *Connecticut River*, No. 1, 2, on the West side; in the Line of Towns No. 1, 2, 5, 6, and have taken Bonds, according to Order, of each Grantee for the fulfilments of their respective Grants. We have further notified the rest of the Petitioners and others to meet us at

Woburn the 7*th* of *December* next in order to admit into and fill up the other Towns, *viz.* No 3, 4, 7, 8, & 9.

Wm. Dudley, by order of the Committee.

Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *November* 30*th*, 1736. Read and sent down. Read and *Ordered*, That this Report be accepted.

Sent up for Concurrence.

The Plat of the Line of Towns &c. mentioned in the aforegoing Report, pass'd in Conncil, *viz.* In Council *Novemb.* 30*th.* 1736. Read and sent down.

Read and *Ordered*, That this Plat be accepted.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 30, 1736.]

A plat of the Townships laid out by the Com^tee^ for the Line of Towns &c by them corrected as Mentioned in their Report entred this day—

In the House of Represent^a^ Read & ORDERED that the plat be Accepted

In Council Read & Concurrd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 17, and House Journal, Dec. 4, 1736.]

In the House of Represent^a^ VOTED that M^r^ Samuel Chamberlain of Westford be & hereby is fully Authorized and Impowered to Assemble & Convene the Grantees or proprietors of the Township Number One; Nathanael Harris Esq^r^ in like manner to Assemble the Grantees or Proprietors of the Township Number two; John Flynt of Concord Esq^r^ in like manner to Assemble the Grantees or proprietors of the Township Number three; Thomas Welles of Deerfield Esq^r^ in like manner to Assemble the Grantees or Proprietors of the Township Number four; on the East Side, & next Adjoining to Connecticutt River; And that Thomas Stevens of Amesbury in like Manner to Assemble the Grantees or Proprietors of the Township Number One; M^r^ John Hutchins of Bradford in like manner to Assemble the Grantees or proprietors of the Township Number two; John Jones, of Hopkinton Esq^r^ in like manner to Assemble the Grantees or proprietors of the Town-

ship Number five; and John Whitman of Stow in like manner to Assemble & Convene the Grantees or proprietors of the Township Number Six, lying in the line of Towns between the Rivers of Connecticutt & Merrimack, All the Grantees or proprietors aforementioned of the Towns aforesaid to Assemble in such places as they shall be Respectivly Notified and Warned to Assemble & Convene at, by the persons Respectively thereto Impowred, as aforesaid; The proprietors of each Township so Assembled to Chuse a Moderator & Clerk & Com^tee^ to Alot & Divide their Lands, & to dispose of the same, and to pass Such Votes & Orders as by them may be thought Conducive for the Speedy Fulfillment of their Grants And also to Agree Upon Methods for Calling Meetings for the future, provided none of their Votes concerning the Dividing or disposing of their Lands that shall be pass'd while they are Under the direction of the Com^tee^ of this Court shall be of force before they are Allowed of by said Committee

In Council Read & Concurr'd—
Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 4, and House Journal, Jan. 3, 1736–7]

In the House of Represent^a^ Voted that Cap^t^ Samuel Jackson be & hereby is fully Authorized and Impowred to Assemble and Convene the Grantees and propriet^rs^ of the Township Number four, Cap^t^ Caleb Blodget in like manner to Assemble the Grantees or proprietors of the Township Number Eight, M^r^ Samuel Liscomb in like manner to Assemble the Grantees or proprietors of the Township Number Nine, M^r^ Isaac Gardner in like manner to Assemble the Grantees or proprietors of the Township Number three, and M^r^ John Hill in the like manner to Assemble the Grantees or proprietors of the Township Number Seven, lying in the line of Towns between the Rivers of Connecticutt & Merrimack all the said Grantees or Proprietors aforenamed of the Towns aforesaid to Assemble in such places as they shall be Respectivly Warned to Convene & Assemble at by the persons thereto Respectivly impowred as aforesaid: The proprietors of each Township so assembled to Chuse a Moderator & Clerk & Com^tee^ to Alot & divide their lands & dispose of the same and to pass such Votes and Orders as by them may be thought conducive for the Speedy fulfillment of the Conditions of their Grant, and also to Agree

upon Methods for Calling of Meetings for the future; provided none of their Votes concerning their Dividing or disposing of their Lands that shall be pass'd while they are under the direction of the Com^tee of this Court shall be of force before they are allowed by said Com^tee—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

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ASHUELOT TOWNSHIPS.

GENERAL.

[Mass. House Journal, May 28, 1726.]

A Petition of *Ebenezer Dickinson*, *Edward Greaves*, and others, praying for a Grant of a Tract of Land at a Place called *Ashawelot*, in order to the Setling and making a Township there. Read and referred to the next Session for further Consideration.

[Mass. House Journal, May 28, 1726.]

A Petition of *Francis Miller*, *Francis Stebbins*, and others, praying for a Grant of a Tract of Land at a Place called *Ashawelot*, in order for the Settlement thereof, and erecting a Township there. Read and referred to the next Session for further Consideration.

[Mass. House Journal, May 30, 1730.]

A Petition of *Joseph Miller*, for himself and sundry others former Petitioners for a Tract of Land of six miles square, for a Township at *Ashawelot*, setting forth, that when their Petition for the said Tract of Land which they desired to be sixteen Miles from *Northfield*, came under the Consideration of this House the last Fall Session, there was another Petition from *Ebenezer Dickinson*, and sundry others for a Tract of Land for a Township, ten or fourteen Miles from *Northfield*, both which had the Countenance of the House, and sent up to the Honourable Board for Concurrence, but a *Proviso* was made in the Grant to the said *Dickinson* and his Associates to be first accommodated under a Pretence of their being the first Petitioners, therein, also informing, that there is a sufficiency of Lands at *Ashawelot* above *Northfield*, for the Accommodation of Two Townships of the Contents of six Miles square each: Praying, That the said *Dickinson* and those that Petition with him, might be obliged to account for their Township from *Northfield* Meeting-House, and the Petitioners lie next to them, and be put under a Committee for their Inspection and Regulation, &c. for Reasons mentioned.

Read.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 1, 1730–1.]

A Petition of *Samuel Hunt*, of *Billerica*, in behalf of himself and sundry others, Inhabitants of this Province, praying for a

convenient Tract of Land for a Township at a place called *Ashawelot*, between *Northfield* and the Block-house above *Northfield*, and that they may bring in a Plan thereof. Read and committed to Mr. *Lynde*, Maj. *Chandler* and Mr. *Wright*, to take the same under Consideration, and Report what may be proper to be done thereon.

[Mass. House Journal, June 12, 1731.]

Mr. *Welles* from the Committee appointed the 28th. of *May* last, to consider of the Six new Townships proposed to be settled, Reported, Read, Accepted, and accordingly,

Ordered, That before the Terms on which those Townships may be granted, are concluded on, Six Tracts of Land of the Contents of Six Miles square each, be Surveyed and Platted; and that it be as soon as may be, by such Committees as this Court shall appoint, whose Proceedings shall be laid before this Court at their next Fall Session, in order to their more particular Determination on the Method of settling them; and that those Six Townships be laid out at or about the following places, *viz.* two Townships both lying part on each side *Merrimack* River, between *Naticook* and *Lovel's* Town; one at or near *Ware* or *Swift-River;* two upon or about *Ashawelot* River; one at the Head of *Berwick*, Butting on *Newichawonnuck* on one side, and on *Bannabeague* on the other side.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, June 17, 1731.]

Ordered, That Mr. *Hall* go up with a Message to the Honourable Board, to inquire what they have done on the Vote of the 12th. Instant, referring to the Six new Townships proposed to be settled. Who accordingly delivered the Message, and brought down said Vote not pass'd on by the Honourable Board.

[Mass. House Journal, June 17, 1731.]

Voted, That it is very necessary for the Accommodation of diverse Inhabitants of this Province, that Six new Townships should be opened for Settlement, but that before the Terms of

granting them are concluded on, Six Tracts of Land of the Contents of Six Miles square each, be Survey'd and Platted as soon as may be, by such Committees as this Court shall appoint, whose Proceedings shall be laid before this Court at their next Fall Session, in order to their more particular Determination on the method of settling them, and that those Six Townships be laid out at or about the following places, *viz.* Two Townships, both lying on each side *Merrimack* River between *Naticook* & *Lovel's* Town, one at or near *Ware* or *Swift* River, two upon or about *Ashawelot* River, one at the Head of *Berwick*, Butting on *Newichawonnuck*, on one side, and *Bonnebeague* on the other side

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 24, 1731.]

In the House of Represent^ves VOTED that it is very necessary for the accommodation of divers Inhabitants of this Province that six new Townships sh^d be opened for settlement; But before the Terms of granting them are concluded on, six Tracts of Land of the Contents of six miles square each be surveyed & platted as soon as may be by such Committees as this Court shall appoint, whose Proceedings shall be laid before this Court at their next Fall Session, in order to their particular determination on the method of settling them, & that those six Townships be laid out at or about the following Places; viz, two Townships, both lying part on each side of Merrimack River between Naticook & Lovels Town; one at or near Ware or Swift River, two upon or about Ashawelet River; One at or near the Head of Berwick, butting on Newitchawannock River on one side & on Bonebeague on the other side.

In Council; Read & Refer'd to the next Session of this Court.

[Mass. House Journal, June 14, 1732.]

Col. *Stoddard* from the Committee appointed the 7*th* Currant to consider of that Part of His Excellency's SPEECH which relates to the ungranted Lands made Report, which he read in his place, and then laid it on the Table.

The said Report was read again and accepted, and thereupon the House came into the following Vote, *viz.*

Upon Consideration that Power is given to the General Assembly to grant Lands, especially for the Planting or Setling of the Province, and that by the great Increase of His Majesty's good Subjects many that are inclined to Industry have not been able to obtain Lands for the Employment of themselves and Families, and great Numbers have removed to neighbouring Colonies for their Accommodation,

Voted, That there be Seven Towns opened of the Contents of Six Miles square each, *viz.* One West of the *Narraganset* Town that is near *Wachuset-Hill*, One between the Equivalent Land and *Rutland*, on or near the Road lately laid out from *Swift River* to *Rutland:* One at *Pequoiog* or *Millers-River;* One West of the Town called *North Town*; Two on *Ashuelot River* above *Northfield*; The other in the Eastward Country at the Head of *Berwick*. All to be Surveyed in *October* or *November* next at farthest, by the direction of Committees to be appointed by the General Court, and their several Surveys to be reported at the Fall Session, and the charge of the Committee and of the Survey to be paid out of the publick Treasury.

That Committees be appointed to admit Setlers to lay out the House-Lots, so that the Settlements may be made in a defensible manner, and to direct in the drawing thereof, but not to lay out any other Divisions without further directions from this Court, each home-lot to consist of so many Acres as the Court shall order, after report is made of the quality and other circumstances of the Land, the Committees to be paid as the Court shall order. That there be sixty-three House Lots laid out in each Township, One for the first setled Minister, One for the Ministry, One for the School, and one for each of the sixty Setlers, who shall settle thereon in his own person, or by one of his Children, the rest of the Land to be allotted or divided equally in sixty three parts.

That One year be allowed from the Survey for the admission of Setlers, and that the Committee be directed to demand and receive from each Setler at his admission *Five Pounds*, part of which shall be employed for reimbursing the Province the Money to be advanced for paying the Committee and the charge of the Survey, the remaining part to be employed for building Houses of publick Worship, or otherwise as the General Court shall order.

That each Setler actually live on his Land within three years from his admission and continue there for the space of two years after in person, and with his Family, if such he have.

That he do within five years from his admission build an House

on his Land of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least, and within the same time do sufficiently fence in and till or fit for mowing eight Acres of Land, each Setler to have his Land on condition that he perform the foregoing Injunctions. And in case any Setler fail of performance in the whole or in part, his right to be forfeited and such Land shall revert to the Province.

And the Committee to be appointed to admit Setlers are directed at the time of admission to take a Bond of *Twenty Pounds* of each Setler, to be paid to them or their Successors for the use and benefit of the Setlers, in case he fail of performing the several Conditions or Injunctions before-mentioned.

And that the Setlers in each Town be obliged to build a suitable Meeting-House and to settle a learned orthodox Minister in such Town within the space of five years from the admission of the Setlers.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 20, 1732.]

In the House of Represent^ves—In Answer to that Part of His Excellency's Speech w^ch relates to the ungranted Lands of the province—Upon Consideration that power is given to the General Assembly to Grant Lands especially for the planting & Settling of the province & that by the great increase of His Majesty's good Subjects many that are inclined to Industry have not been able to obtain Lands for the Imployment of themselves & Families & great numbers have removed to Neighbouring Colonies for their Accommodation. Voted that there be seven Towns opened of the Contents of six miles sqnare, One West of the Narraganset Town that is near Wachuset Hill, One between the Equivalent Land & Rutland, on or near the Road lately laid out from Swift river to Rutland, One at Saquoiag on Miller's River, One West of the Town called North Town, Two on Ashawelot River above Northfield, The other in the Eastern Country at the Head of Berwick, All to be surveyed in October or November next at furthest by the Direction of Comm^tees to be appointed by the General Court, & their several Surveys to be reported at the Fall Session, And the Charge of the Comm^tees & of the Survey to be paid out of the publick Treasury; That Comm^tees be appointed to admit Settlers to lay out House Lotts, so that the Settlem^ts may be made in a defensible manner, & to direct in the drawing thereof, but not to

lay out any other Divisions, without further Direction from this Court, Each Home Lot to consist of so many Acres as the Court shall order after report is made of the Quality & other Circumstances of the Land, The Commtees to be paid as the Court shall Order, that there be sixty three House Lots laid out in Each Township, One for the first settled Minister, One for the Ministry, One for the school & one to Each of the sixty Settlers who shall settle thereon, in his own person or by any of his Children, the rest of the Land to be allotted or Divided equally into Sixty three parts, That one Year be allowed from the Survey for the Admission of the Settlers, & that the Commtee be directed to Demand & receive from each Settler at his Admission, Five pounds, part of wch shall be employed for reimbursing the Province the Money to be advanced for paying the Commtee & the Charge of the Survey, The remaining part to be employed for building Houses of publick Worship or otherwise as the General Court shall Order, that each Settler actually live on his Land within three Years of his Admission, & continue there for the Space of two Years after in person & with his Family if such he have, That he do within five Years from his Admission build an House on his land of Eighteen feet square & seven feet stud at the least, & within the same Time do sufficiently fence in, & till, or fit for Mowing eight Acres of Land, Each Settler to have his Land on Condition that he perform the foregoing Injunctions & in Case any Settler fail of performance In the whole or in part, his Right to be forfeited, & such Land shall revert to the province. And the Commtee to be appointed to admit Settlers, are directed at the Time of Admission to take Bond of Twenty pounds of Each Settler to be paid to them or their Successors for the Use & Benefit of the Settlers in Case he fail of performing the Several Conditions or Injunctions before mentioned And that the Settlers in Each Town be obliged to build a sutable Meeting House, & to settle a learned & Orthodox Minister in such Town within the space of five Years from the Admission of the Settlers—

In Council read & non Concur'd

[Mass. Court Records, June 29, 1732.]

In the House of Representves Voted that Coll: Stoddard Mr Wells, Major Chandler, Mr Choate, Major Brattle Mr Tyng & Mr Samuel Chandler be a Commtee on the part of the House to Confer

with such Comm^tee as shall be appointed by the Hon^ble Board on their part, on the Subject Matter of the Vote for opening some New Towns; The Comm^tees to sit forthwith & report as soon as may be—

In Council Read & Concur'd, & Benjamin Lynde Thomas Hutchinson Samuel Thaxter, Spencer Phips Simonds Epes & Jonathan Remington Esq^rs are appointed a Comm^tee of the Board of s^d Conference.

[Mass. Court Records, July 1, 1732.]

Upon y^e Report of the Comm^tee appointed to confer on the Vote ab^t new Towns

The Board reconsidered y^r Vote of Non Concurrence & then pass'd a Concurrence On the s^d Vote with Amendm^ts W^ch were agreed to by the House—

[Mass. House Journal, July 3, 1732.]

Thomas Cushing Esq; brought down the Vote of the 4*th* past for opening some new Towns, pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council *June* 20*th*. 1732. Read and non concur'd. *July* 1. 1732. Read again and reconsidered, and voted a Concurrence with the Amendments, *viz* dele A. seven – – – and add – – five – – dele, these words – one west of the Town called *North-Town*, two on *Ashuelot-River* above *Northfield*, dele. B – *sixty* three House Lots & add *eighty* three House Lots, dele the word – *twenty* between the words – a Bond of – – and – Pounds – and add thirty – Sent down for Concurrence. Read and the House concur with the Amendment A – the second Amendment concur'd so far as relates to the proposed Town to the West of *North-Town* – the other part of that Amendment non-concur'd. The Amendments B & C non-concur'd, and the House agree to the Vote as now amended with their own Amendment, *viz.* the two proposed Towns in the Vote marked o dele.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 7, 1732.]

A Petition of *Samuel Sadey*, *Oliver Hayward*, and sundry others, praying for a Grant of Land at *Ashuelot* at a place called

the *Bow*, to extend on *Northfield* East Line. Read and referred to the next *May* Session for further Consideration.

[Mass. Court Records, April 20, 1733.]

The following Vote pass'd both Houses in July last, viz:

In Answer to that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to the ungranted Lands of the Province——— Upon Consideration y^t^ Power Is given the General Assembly to grant Lands especially for the Planting or Settling of the province, & that by the Great Increase of His Majesty's good Subjects, many that are inclined to Industry have not been able to obtain Lands for the Employm^t^ of themselves & Families, & great Numbers have removed to Neighbouring Colonies for their Accommodation. ——— Voted that there be four Towns opened of the Contents of six Miles square Each viz—One at Pequoiag on Miller's River, Two on Ashuwelet River above Northfeild, the other in the Eastern Country at the Head of Berwick, all to be surveyed in October or November next at furthest by the Direction of Comm^tees^ to be appointed by the General Court & their several Surveys to be Reported at the Fall Session & the Charge of the Comm^tees^ & Survey to be paid out of the publick Treasury y^t^ Comm^tees^ be appointed to admit Settlers & to lay out the House Lots so that y^e^ Settlem^ts^ may be made in a Defensible manner, & to direct in the drawing thereof, but not to lay out any other Divisions without further Directions from this Court, Each Home Lot to consist of so many Acres as the Court shall Order after Report is made of the Quality & other Circumstances of the Land, the Comm^tees^ to be paid as the Court shall Order, that there be sixty three House Lots laid out in each Township, One for the first Settled Minister, One for the Ministry, one for the School & one for Each of the Sixty Settlers who shall Settle thereon in his own person or by one of his Children The rest of the Land to be allotted or Divided equally into Sixty three Parts; That one Year be allowed from the Survey for the Admission of Settlers, and that the Comm^tee^ be directed to Demand & receive from Each Settler at his Admission Five pounds part of which shall be employed for reimbursing the Province the Money to be advanced for paying the Committee & the Charge of the Survey, the remaining part to be employed for building Houses for publick Worship or otherwise as the Gen-

eral Court shall Order, That Each Settler actually live on his Land within three Years from his Admission, build an House on his Land of eighteen feet square & Seven feet Stud at the least, & within the same Time do sufficiently fence in & till or fit for mowing Eight Acres of Land, Each Settler to have his Land on Condition that he perform the foregoing injunctions, & in Case any Settler fail of performance in the whole or in part, his Right to be forfeited & such Land shall revert to the province & the Comm^ee^ to be appointed to Admit Settlers are directed at the Time of Admission to take a Bond of Twenty pounds of each Settler to be paid to them or their Successors for the Use & Benefit of the Settlers in Case he fail of performing the several Conditions & Injunctions before mentioned, & that the Settlers in each Town to be obliged to build a sutable meeting house.& to settle a learned orthodox Minister in such Town within the space of five Years from the Admission of the Settlers.—

Consented to J. Belcher.

[Mass. Court Records, and House Journal, April 20, 1733.]

In the House of Represent^ves^ Voted that Major Chandler, M^r^ Choate & M^r^ Samuel Chandler with such as the Hon^ble^ Board shall appoint be a Comm^tee^ to Survey & lay out by a Survey^r^ & Chain men on Oath the three New Towns in the Western Frontiers agreable to the Vote of the third of July last. viz. One at Paquoiag & two at Ashawelet River & return Plans thereof to this Court in the next May Session.

In Council; Read & Concur'd & the Hon^ble^ Spencer Phips Esq^r^ & William Dudley Esq^r^ are joined in the Affair.—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, and House Journal, Oct. 19, 1733.]

In the House of Represent^ves^ Whereas this Court at their Sitting in April last past did appoint a Committee to survey and lay out three Townships in the Western Frontiers, agreable to the Vote of the third of July preceeding, one at Paquoiag, & two at Ashuelot River, & return plats to this Court at the then next May Session, which Service has not yet been perform'd & the greater Part of the Committee being Members of the General Assembly—

wherein their Attendance is necessary, And the House being certified that there are great Numbers of Persons desirous to settle themselves in said Townships in the next Spring of the Year, which cannot be unless there be a speedy Survey thereof.

Therefore VOTED that Joseph Kellog & Timothy Dwight Esq^rs & Cpt. William Chandler (or any two of them) be a Committee for that Purpose, & that they be directed forthwith to repair to those Lands, & with Chain men on Oath to lay out a Township at Paquoiag & two Townships at Ashuelot agreable to the said Vote of the third of July 1732, unless they find that by reason of the laying out of the Township granted to Coll^o Willard & others the Land remaining at Ashuelot River will not well serve for two Townships, that then they lay out only one Township on Ashuelot, & that they return Plats thereof to this Court at the present Sitting.

In Council, Read & Concur'd.—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 6, 1733.]

IN the House of Represent^ves ORDERED that M^r Israel Williams & M^r Samuel Chandler with such as the Hono'ble Board shall appoint be a Comm^ee to admit such persons as they shall think proper to bring forward the Settlement of the new Towns lately granted at Ashuelot & Paquoiag, who shall be subjected to the Conditions made in the said Grant pass'd this Court in the May Session 1732, That the Committee make Report of their doings as soon as may be.—

In Council Read & Concur'd & Eben^r Burrill Esq^r is Joined in y^e Affair.—

Consented to, J. Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 21, 1733–4.]

A Plat of two Townships, each of the Contents of six miles square laid out by William Chandler & Nath^l Dwight by Order of this Court situate on each side of Ashuelet River above the Tract of Land lately granted to Coll Josiah Willard & others; beginning at a Spruce or White Pine Tree standing about Midway between the South & East Branches of said Ashuelet River, about five

perch East of the Bank of the Main River marked West thus ◊ & East with three Chops with an Ax, & from thence running each way as described in the Plat.

In the House of Represent^ves Read & ORDERED that the Plat be and hereby is accepted; And the Lands contained in the said two Townships are declared to ly in & be accounted as Part of the County of Hampshire hence forward.

In Council; Read & Concur'd:—

Consented to, J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, Feb. 21, 1733–4.]

A Plat of two Townships, each of the contents of six Miles square, situate on each side of *Ashuelot River* in the County of *Hampshire* above the tract lately granted to Col. *Josiah Willard* and others, surveyed, one by Capt *William Chandler* Surveyor and two Chain-men on Oath; the other by *Nathanael Dwight* Surveyor and two Chain-men on Oath, platted by order of this Court of the third of *July* 1732, and one other order at the sitting begun the third of *October* last was presented for allowance. Read and *Ordered*, That the Plat be and is hereby accepted, and the Lands contained in the said two Townships are declared to lay in and be accounted as part of the County of *Hampshire* hence forward.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, April 16, 1734.]

In Council; Whereas this Court in their Sessions held in July 1732, ordered three Towns to be laid out, two on Ashuelet River, & one at Paquoig & directed the Committee to lay out Home or House Lots to consist of so many Acres as the Court shall order, VOTED that the Home Lots to be laid out in the said three new Towns do consist of so many Acres (between twenty & forty) as the Committee shall think fit considering the Quality of the said Land; & that Edward Goddard Esq^r be of the said Committee in the room of William Clark Esq^r who desires to be excused from the said Service:—

In the House of Represent^ves Read & Concur'd

Consented to, J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, June, 15, 1734.]

Jacob Wendell, Esq; brought down the Report of the Committee of both Houses appointed the sixth of *November* & first of *March* last, for laying out House Lots in the two new Towns on *Ashuelot River*, in consequence of the Conditions of the Grant of the Court at their *May* Session 1732, signed *Ebenezer Burrell*, *Edward Goddard*, *Charles Church*, *Samuel Chandler*, *John Hobson*. Pass'd in Council, *viz*. In Council *June* 15*th*, 1734. Read and sent down. Read and *Ordered*, That the Report be accepted. Sent up for Concurrence.

Two Plats of the two Townships at *Ashuelot* laid out by Order of this Court, with House Lots therein protracted & described, *viz*. The House Lots in the upper Township as described and protracted were presented for allowance.

Read and accepted. Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 17, 1734.]

The Report of the Com^tee^ for laying out the house Lotts in the two Towns on Ashuelet River June 1734—

PURSUANT to the order of the Great & General Court we Repaired to Ashuelet where we found in each of the said Towns Respectivly That a very large Body of the Land lyes in one intire parcell being Interval Land and other low lands Altogether Unsuitable for House Lotts and from the best View and observation that we Respectivly were able to make of the value and quality of the Land there, we apprehend it Impracticable to lay it out in a Defenceable manner and to lay out between twenty & forty Acres to each house Lot according to the order of the Court and there being (in our humble Opinion) no other way in which the House lotts could be laid out but would Render (at least) many of them for less Accommodable to the Intervals and also very Scattering and Remote

We Concluded that to lay out Small House lotts lying Contiguous & also Convenient for the Interval lands would be more agreeable to the Intentions of this Hon^ble^ Court then either for us to Desist & Return without doing anything or to lay out large Lotts which must have been Extreemly Scattering & indefencible and therefore proceeded as follows viz^t^. To lay out in the uppermost of the said Ashuelet Townships fifty four Lotts, in the most Convenient place

for Building on & adjoyning to each other each Lott Containing eight Acres and that place not Accomodating more lotts there, we were obliged to lay out the other Nine Lotts about three Quarters of a Mile Distant from the Fifty four Lotts aforesaid We also laid out a Street thrô each Division of Land aforesaid four Rods wide—

In the other Township of Ashuelet we Could find but one parcell of Land Sutable for House lotts (in a like Compact and Defenceable manner) which is a Plan consisting of no more than about four hundred Acres and therefore were obliged to lay out the whole number of lots being Sixty three in that place which yet would not afford above Six Acres (exclusive of ways) to each house without Runing upon Intervals or mountainous land which would be very Difficult to Equalize and a great part thereof fit for Neither Tillage nor mowing we therefore laid out the whole Sixty three Lotts there and also a Street of Eight Rods wide and whereas each Settler is obliged within the Term aforesaid to till or fitt for mowing Eight Acres within five Years We humbly propose that no damage or forfeiture Accrue to any Settler, who shall within the term aforesaid till or fit for mowing his house Lott there and shall also as soon as shall be next after another Lott or division of Land shall be laid out till or fit for mowing the Remainder of said Eight Acres on such other Lott or Division which with the whole of this Representation or Report is humbly Submitted to the Wisdom & Candour of this Hon^{ble} Court—

Sam^{l} Chandler — Ebenezer Burrill
John Hobson — Edw^{d} Goddard
Charles Church

In the House of Represent^{a} Read & ORDERED that this Report be Accepted

In Council Read & Concurred—

Consented to — J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Sept. 14, and House Journal June 19, 1734.]

The following vote was omitted Entring in the proper place viz^{t}—

In the House of Represent^{a} June 19, 1743—

Whereas the Com^{tee} that have laid out the Home Lotts in the Township Westward of Ashuelott River & Paquoig have notified all persons that are desirous to take up Lotts upon the Terms

and Conditions that this Court has directed to meet at Concord on Wednesday the Twenty Sixth Instant And it being Necessary after such Lotts are drawn that the Grantees be assembled & come into proper Methods for the Settlement of their said Lotts &c

VOTED that after the Sixty persons for each Township shall have Drawn Lotts and given Bond and paid their five pounds According to the order of this Court July 1732 that they forthwith assemble at Concord and then and there Choose a Moderator a Proprietors Clerk and Agree upon Rules & methods for the fulfillment of their Respective Grants and for making any further Divisions and for Calling other Meetings for the future and any other Matters or things for the Speedy Settlement of the said Township

In Council Read & Concurr'd—
Consented to J Belcher
Exam[d] from the original ℔ Simon Frost Dep. Secry

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CANADA TOWNSHIPS.

GENERAL.

[Mass. House Journal, June 26, 1735.]

Robert Hale, Esq; from the Committe appointed last night on the Grants to the *Canada* Officers and Soldiers, &c. *Anno* 1690, made report, which was read and accepted, and thereupon the following Vote passed, viz. *Whereas it has been ordered by this Court that the several Committees appointed to lay out the Towns granted in answer to the Petitions of the* Canada *Soldiers in their Expedition* Anno 1690, *shall take Bonds of the Grantees for the performance of the Conditions of their respective Grants; and whereas by reason of the Death of most of the said soldiers, and minority or inability of many of their Heirs and Descendants, the intention of the Court in rewarding their Service, and for settling the Lands may be defeated without the special direction of this Court:*

Ordered, That the said Committees and all others that may hereafter be appointed by this Court for that Service on Petitions for *Canada* Soldiers in that Expedition, shall take Bond of One, personally the Heir Descendant or Representative of one Soldier (preference to be given to the eldest Male if such there be, otherwise the eldest Female, who shall appear at such time and place as the Committee shall appoint and give publick notice of) and the Grant shall belong to such Obligor his heirs and assigns for ever (provided the Conditions of the Bond be performed) such Obligor paying to the other Descendants or Heirs such proportionable part of *Ten Pounds* as such Descendants or Heirs would be intitled to in the Land, if said Land descended according to the Law of this Province for the Settlement of Intestate Estates, and also what Charge any of said Descendants may have been at to prove or bring forward said Claims Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 27, 1735.]

In the House of Represent[a] Whereas it has been Ordered by this Court that the Several Committees Appointed to lay out the Towns Granted in Answer to the petitions of the Canada Soldiers in their Expedition Anno 1690 shall take Bonds of the Grantees for the performance of the Conditions of their Respective Grants, And Whereas by Reason of the death of Most of the said Soldiers & Minority or Inability of many of their heirs or Descendants, the Intention of the Court in Rewarding their Service & for Set-

tling the Lands may be defeated, without Special direction of this Court; ORDERED that the said Committee and all others that may hereafter be Appointed by this Court for that Service on petitions for Canada Soldiers in that Expedition shall take Bond of one person only the heir descendant or Repesent[a] of one Soldier (Preference to be Given to the Eldest Male if such there be otherwise to the Eldest Female who shall Appear at such time & place as the Com[tee] shall Appoint and give publick Notice thereof) and the Grant shall belong to such Obligor his heirs and assignes forever provided the Conditions of the Bond be performed such obligors paying to the other Descendants or heirs such proportionable part of Ten pounds as such Descendants or heirs would be entitled to in the Lands, if said Land descended According to the Law of this Province for Settlement of Intestate Estates & also what Charge any of said Descendants may have been at to prove or bring forward said Claim—

In Council Read & Concurr'd

[Mass. Court Records, Jan. 16, 1735–6.]

The Deputy Secretary was Sent down to the House with the following Message from the Board viz[t]—

The Board take[g] into Consideration, as well the Several Grants made by the House Upon petitions for Townships of the Canada Officers and Soldiers that have pass'd the whole Court, as those Depending at the Board, & finding the form & the direction of the Descent of the Estate to be Essentially differing; which the Board Apprehend is not only inconsistant, but also Unequal and Unjust As to the Different form of the Grants, pass'd thro' the whole Court; the Board observe that on the four first petitions viz[t] Gallop, Newell, Tileston, & Tiltons, there Seems to be an Inconsistancy, the Grantees therein being obliged to give Bond to the Com[tees] Appointed to lay out the same and Yet the said Com[tees] are to Transmit into the Secretarys office, Lists of the Grantees names and places of Abode to be Regulated by an after Com[tee] which Necessarily Implys giving Bonds before Admission In the order; on two Several petitions of Shubal Goreham & Samuel King the Board observe no Bonds Ordered to be Given or lists to be Transmitted as above; In the Order on the three Several petitions of Ebenezer Hunt of William Raymond & Joseph Silvester, no list is Ordered to be taken or transmitted for future Regulation; The

Board therefore propose to the Hon^ble House that a Com^tee of this Court be Appointed to take a List of the names and places of Abode of the said Officers and Soldiers and of the Descendants of such as are deceased, in Order to a Regulation by a Com^tee of this Court, and so Sixty of them may be Admitted Grantees and Settlers in each Township of Six Miles Square, to be laid out pursuant to such forementioned Regulation; And as to the Descent of the Estate Granted to the said Officers and Soldiers, the Board observe that in all those made by the whole Court, they all Agree Except that made to Cap^t Silvester & his men; which last mentioned is not to the Descendants of those that are dec'ed as the others are; Which General Method of Descent the Board are of Opinion is not only most practicable, but also most Reasonable and just, and will be Attended with much less Expence to the province and Greatly conduce to the Speedy fulfillment of the Conditions of the Grant; Therefore move that the said Silvester Grant may be Reduced to the said General Rule as well as the Rest of the Canada Grants.—

In the House of Represent^a Read & Referred to the next Sitting of the Court for Consideration—

[Mass. Court Records, March 23, 1735–6.]

On the Message from the Board to the House Referring to the late Grants of Townships as Entred the 16 Jan'ry 1735—

In the House of Represent^a ORDERED That John Chandler Robert Hale and Daniel Epes Esq^rs with such as the Hon^ble Board shall appoint be a Committee to take this Message under Consideration and Report what may be proper in their Opinion for the Court to do for the More Effectual bringing forward the Settlement of the Canada Towns so Called lately granted by this Court

In Council Read and Concurr'd & Edmund Quincey William Dudley and Samuel Welles Esq^rs are Joined in the Affair—

[The same vote is entered again, March 26, 1736.]

[Mass. Court Records, March 27, 1736.]

The following Report of the Com^tee on the Affair of the Canada Towns was Read and Accepted by both Houses viz^t

The Committee appointed to Consider and Report their Opinion what may be proper to be done on the Message from the Board of Jan'ry 16 last Relating to the more Effectual bringing forward the Settlement of the Canada Towns so Called, are of Opinion, That the Grants Respectivly of the four Townships viz^{t} Gallop, Newell, Tileston, & Tiltons, so Called, which were made to the officers Soldiers in the Canada Expedition Anno 1690, and the Descendants of such as are Since Deceased, are well Explained by the Order of this Court of the 26 of June last; and the Several Com^{tees} Appointed to lay out and bring forward the Settlement of the Said Four Townships and all other Com^{tees} thereafter to be Appointed for the like Service, are by the same Order fully Impowred and Directed, as to the Admission of the Grantees &c, and shall be obliged to proceed Accordingly; And instead of their Transmitting into the Secretarys office Lists of the Respective Grantees &c they shall be and hereby are Obliged to take the best Care they can in Examining & Regulating the Claims of all persons that shall Appear as heirs descendants or Represent^{a}, and shall make and keep fair lists of the names and places of Residence of the Respective Grantees or Settlers of the said Towns, in order to prevent Mistakes in Settling and Regulating the Claims and admission of the Grantees; And further the Com^{tee} are of Opinion, that the Grantees Admitted or that may be Admitted into the two Townships, Granted to Shubal Goreham & Samuel King & others In which Grants, thro' Some omission, no Bonds are Ordered to be Given, there be the Same Bonds Given to the Treasurer of the Province and in the Same manner as has been ordered in and by the other Grants, that have been made to the Canada Soldiers That in as much as the Grants made to the Canada officers & Soldiers are to be laid out & the Settlers to be Admitted at the Expence of the province which Expence is not to be Reimbursed by the Grantees as is provided in the Grants of the line of Towns so Called the said Expence and Charge shall be Allowed & Advanced out of the publick Treasury to the Amount of Fifty pounds for each Township and no more and if it exceeds that sum it shall be paid by the Grantees before they draw their Lotts—

Consented to J Belcher

NARRAGANSETT TOWNSHIPS.

GENERAL.

[Mass. House Journal, June, 17, 1727.]

Mr. Speaker from the Committee for Lands further Reported, On a Petition of sundry Soldiers that served their Country in the late *Narraganset*-War, and their Descendants, several whereof Subscribed the said Petition, shewing that the General Court in the Year, 1685, made a grant to them of Eight Miles square of certain Lands lying in the *Nipmugg* Country, for their said Service, which has not as yet been laid out, Praying that an Equivalent for the said Grant may be now made them for the Reasons mentioned, which was Read and Accepted, and in Answer to this Petition, *Resolved*, That Major *Thomas Tilestone*, Capt. *John Alden*, Mr. *Edward Shove*, Mr. *Nathaniel Healy* of *Newton*, and Mr. *Samuel Chandler* of *Concord*, be a Committee fully Authorized and Impowred to Survey and lay out the contents of Eight Miles square in some of the Unappropriated Lands of this Province, and that the said Lands be granted and disposed of, to the Persons whether Officers or Soldiers belonging to this Province, who were in the Service of their Country in the *Narragansett* War, or to their Lawful Representatives as a Reward for their Publick Services, and is in full Satisfaction of the Grant formerly made them by the Great and General Court, And for as much as it is the full Intent and Purpose of this Court, that every Officer and Soldier who served in the said War, should have a compensation made them, over and above what Wages or Gratuities any of them have already received, That the said Committee give Publick Notice in the News Letters or otherways, Six Months at least before the Time of their Meeting, when and where they intend to meet, that so every Officer and Soldier that Served in the said War, or their Lawful Representative of such as served and are since Deceased, may have an Opportunity of inlisting their Names with the said Committee, who are hereby directed to take a List accordingly, and when and so soon as the said Committee has received a Compleat List of the Names of such Persons as have served as aforesaid, or their legal Representatives, which they are Enjoyned to do with all convenient speed; the Grantees shall be Obliged to Assemble within as short time as they can conveniently, and proceed to the Choice of a Committee to regulate the Propriety, who shall pass such Orders and Rules as will effectually oblige them to settle Sixty Families at least thereon, with a Learned Orthodox Minister, within the space of Seven Years from the date of the Grant.

Provided nevertheless, That if the said Grantees shall not effectually Settle the said number of Families, and also lay out a Lot, for the first settled Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for the School, they shall have no Advantage, but forfeit this Grant: Any thing contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal Dec. 12, 1727.]

John Wheelwright Esq; brought down the Vote of the House of the 17th of *June* last, for Making a Grant of some Lands to the Soldiers that Served in the late *Narraganset* War, or their Descendants. Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council, *July* 1st. 1727. Read and Referred for further Consideration to the next Fall Session; with a Message that the Board were of Opinion, That it was most proper for the House to Originate the Grant of the Lands to the said Soldiers, or their Descendants, it being referred by the Board only. Read, and in Answer to this Petition, *Resolved*, That Major *Thomas Tilestone*, Capt. *John Alden*, Mr. *Edward Shove*, Mr. *Nathaniel Healey* of *Newton*, Mr. *Samuel Chandler* of *Concord*, *John Wainwright*, & *Ezra Bourne* Esqrs; be a Committee, any Four of whom to be a Quorum, fully Authorized and Impowred to Survey and lay out two Tracts of Land for Townships of the Contents of Six Miles Square each, in some of the Unappropriated Lands of this Province, and that the said Lands be granted and disposed of to the Persons whether Officers or Soldiers belonging to this Province, who were in the Service of their Country in the said *Narraganset* War, or their lawful Representatives, as a Reward of their Publick Services, and is in full Satisfaction of the Grant formerly made them by the Great and General Court. *And forasmuch as it is the full Intent and purpose of this Court, that any Officer and Soldier who served in the said War should have a Compensation made them over and above what Wages or Gratuities any of them have already received;* That the said Committee give Publick Notice in the News Letters, or otherways Six Months at least before the time of their Meeting, when and where they intend to Meet, that so the Officers and Soldiers that Served in the said War, or their lawful Representative of such as Served, and are since Deceased, may have an Opportunity of inlisting their Names with the said Committee, who are hereby directed to take a List accordingly, and when and so soon

as the said Committee, has received a Compleat List, of the Names of such Persons as have served as aforesaid, or their legal Representatives, which they are Enjoyned to do with all Convenient speed; the Grantees shall be obliged to Assemble within as short a time as they can conveniently, and proceed to the Choice of a Committee, to regulate each Propriety, who shall pass such Orders and Rules as will Effectually oblige them to settle *Sixty* Families at least in each Township, with a learned Orthodox Minister, within the space of *Seven* Years from the date of the Grant; *Provided nevertheless*, That if the Grantees, shall not Effectually settle the said Number of Families in each Township, and also lay out a Lott for the first settled Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for the School in each of the said Townships, they shall have no Advantage of but forfeit the Grant; anything to the contrary contained notwithstanding.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 15, 1727.]

John Wheelwright & John Chandler Esqrs; brought down the Vote of the House of the 12th Currant, on the Petition of the *Narraganset* Soldiers. Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council, *Decemb.* 15th. 1727. Read and Concurr'd with the Amendments hereto annexed, *viz. Dele—any Four of whom to be a Quorum*—and add, to be joyned with *Nathaniel Byfield*, *John Cushing*, *Benjamin Lynde* and *Edmund Quincy* Esqrs; five of which Committee to be a Quorum; *Provided*, Two be of those Nominated by the Board. Between the words --- *General Court* --- and --- *and Forasmuch as* --- add --- *Provided*, That no Officer or Soldier, or their lawful Representatives shall receive benefit from this Grant, unless they make their Claims by giving in and enlisting their Names with the Committee within the space of Twelve Months from the Date of this Grant, and one of the lawful Representatives only of each Officer or Soldier deceased be admitted to a share, the preference always to be given to the right Heirs of such Officer or Soldier respectively. *Dele, from — a List accordingly* — to — the Grantees shall be obliged — between the words --- *can Conveniently* --- and --- and proceed, *add*, — not exceeding Six Months, — between the words — *each of the said Townships* — *and* — they shall have — *add* — within the Term of Seven Years, as aforesaid — and before the words — *anything to the contrary*

— *add* — That the Committee be further Impowred to call the first Meeting of the Grantees in order to the Choice of a Committee to regulate each Propriety, as aforesaid. Sent down for Concurrence. Read, and the House Concur only with the Amendment, [*not exceeding Six Months*] the other Amendments Non-Concurr'd; and the House adhere to their own Vote as amended with an Amendment. — *Dele* the words — *The Grant* — between —forfeit — and — anything — *and add* — their respective Grants.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[This bill, as amended, was passed by the House June 7, 1728, and sent up for concurrence,]

[Mass. Court Records, June 15, 1728.]

In the House of Represent^ves In Answer to the Petition of the Soldiers that served in the Narraganset War; Resolved that Major Chandler, M^r Edward Shove, Major Tilestone & M^r John Hobson (or any three of them) be a Committee fully impowered & authorized, to survey & lay out two Townships of the Contents of six miles square each in some of the unappropriated Lands of this Province; And that the said Lands be granted & disposed of to the Persons, whether Officers or Soldiers belonging to this Province who were in the Service of their Country in the said Narraganset War, or to their lawful Represent^ves as a Reward for their publick Services, & as a full Satisfaction of the Grant formerly made them by the Great & General Court: And inasmuch as it is the full Intent & Purpose that every Officer & Soldier who served in the said War should have a compensation made him over & above what Wages & Gratuities any of them have already received;—That publick Notice be given in the News Letters & Advertisements posted up in every Town in the Province, notifying all Persons that now survive, & were in that Fight & the legal Represent^v^s of those deceased, that they give or send a List of their Names & Descents to the Court in their next Fall Session; And when such List is Compleated by a Committee then to be appointed by this Court, the Grantees shall be obliged to assemble in as short a time as they can conveniently, not exceeding six months, & proceed to the Choice of a Committee, to regulate each Propriety, who shall pass such Orders & Rules as will effectually oblige them to settle sixty Families at least in each Township with a learned orthodox Minister within the Space of seven years from the Date of

the Grant; Provided nevertheless if the said Grantees shall not effectually settle the said Number of Families in each Township, & also lay out a Lot for the said settled Minister, one for the Ministry & one for the School in each of the said Townships, they shall have no Advantage but forfeit their said Grants; Any thing to the contrary herein contained notwithstanding.

In Council; Read & Concur'd;—
Consented to, Wm Dummer

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 20, 1729.]

A List taken by a Committe of the House of Representves of the Claimers of the Land granted by this Court to the Officers & Soldiers that were in the Narraganset War & their legal Representatives.

In the House of Representves Read & Accepted, & Voted that the said Tracts of Lands be granted to the Persons contained in within written List, & that the said Claimers or Grantees meet at Boston if the small Pox be not there; If they be, then at Cambridge on the first Wednesday of June next ensuing; Then & there to chuse a Committee for ordering their Affairs, & do other things needful in settling said Tracts of Land, pursuant to the Resolve of this Court at their Session in June 1728, & that publick Notifications be given by Order of this Court that they meet by themselves or Agents accordingly.

In Council; Read & Concur'd;—
Consented to Wm Dummer

[Mass. Court Records, May 30, 1730.]

In the House of Representves Whereas an Order pass'd this Court in December last to notify the Grantees of the two Narraganset Towns to assemble in the Town of Cambridge upon the first Wednesday in June next to chuse a Committee for ordering the Affairs relating to the said Townships, And Notice of that Order being published in the News Papers only, whereby many of the Grantees may not be acquainted therewith, And for the preventing any unnecessary Charge to them; Voted that the said Order be superseded & the Grantees assemble in this Town on the second Wednesday of the next Fall Session to do the Matters & Things in

the said Vote contained, & that the Represent^ves of the several Towns be desired to give publick Notice of this Vote in their Towns with all convenient speed.

In Council; Read & Concur'd;—
Consented to by the Lieut. Governor

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 28, 1730.]

In the House of Represent^ves Whereas an Order pass'd this Court the thirtieth of May last for assembling the Grantees of the two Narraganset Towns at the Town of Cambridge on the second Wednesday of the next Fall Session by reason of the Small Pox being in the Town of Boston, which is now removed from thence; VOTED that the said Grantees assemble in the Town of Boston on the second Wednesday of the next Sitting of this Court after a Recess; to transact the Affairs mentioned in an Order pass'd by this Court in December last, & that the Represent^ves of the several Towns be desired to give publick Notice in their Town of this Vote with all convenient speed:—

In Council; Read & Concur'd;—
Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. Court Records, Dec. 29, 1730.]

A Petition of Thomas Tilestone & others a Committee for the Officers & Soldiers that were in the Narraganset War, Shewing that the Number of the said Soldiers, & the legal Represent^ves of those that are deceased is so great that the Grant of Land already made to them will make so small a Portion to each Family, as will be or little or no Benefit to them & Praying that the said Grant may be enlarged as also that a further Time may be allowed to Persons to put in their Claims, there being many that are not yet enter'd

In the House of Represent^ves Read & ORDERED that there be liberty be given to Persons to bring in their Claims to the Narraganset Lands to a Committee to be appointed by this Court until the first Wednesday in April next, and that such further Grant of Land be made to the Petitioners as that each hundred & twenty Persons whose Claims shall be allowed by this Court may be allowed a Township of the Contents of six miles square under the

same Restrictions & Limitations with those already granted; And that the Province be at the Charge of laying out the Land to be granted as above into Tracts of six miles square, but not of any Sub-divisions to particular Grantees; And that the Committees formerly appointed to lay out the Towns for the Narraganset Soldiers & for examining the Claims of said Soldiers be the respective Committees for performing the like service above directed.

In Council; Read & Concur'd.

[Mass. House Journal, Dec. 30, 1730.]

The Petition of the *Narrganset* Soldiers, entred the 18th of *December* Instant, and the 30th. of *June* last, brought down Yesterday by *Melatiah Bourn* Esq; Pass'd in Council, viz. In Council, *December* 29, 1730. Read and concurred with the Amendment at *A* (viz. *April* instead of *January*) and that the Committees formerly appointed to lay out the Towns for the *Narraganset* Soldiers, and for examining the Claims of the said Soldiers, be the respective Committees for performing the like Services as above directed to.

Sent down for Concurrence. Read and concurred, and sent up.

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 13, and House Journal, Feb. 16, 1730–1.]

A Petition of Thomas Hunt & others a Committee for the Narraganset Soldiers, Setting forth that their number is so great that the Grant of Land already made will not be sufficient, when it comes to be divided among them all, to make any tollerable Lots for settlem^{t} And therefore Praying an Enlargem^{t} of the s^{d} Grant, as also that further time may be allowed for Persons to put in their Claims to said Lands

In the House of Represent^{ves} Read & ORDERED that there be Liberty given to the Persons to bring in their Claims to the Narraganset Lands to a Committee to be appointed by this Court until the first Wednesday in June next; & that such further Grant of Land be made to the Petitioner, as that each One hundred & twenty Persons, whose Claims are or shall be allowed of by this Court, may have a Township of the Contents of Six Miles square,

under the same restrictions & limitations, with those already granted, And that the Committees formerly appointed to lay out the Towns for the Narraganset Soldiers, & for examining the Claims of said Soldiers be the respective Committees for performing the like services as above directed to; And that the Province be at the Charge of laying out the Land to be granted as above into Tracts of six miles square, but not of any subdivisions to particular Grantees.

In Council; Read & Non Concur'd, & ORDERED that there be Liberty given to all Persons Concerned to bring in their Claims to the Lands granted to the Officers & Soldiers in the Narraganset War, unto the Committee formerly appointed by this Court for that service, until the First Wednesday in June next, & that the Lands already granted by this Court to the said Officers & Soldiers & their legal Represent^ves^ under certain Conditions & Restrictions be & hereby are absolutely given & granted to such Persons whose Claims are or shall be allowed by this Court & to their Heirs & Assigns forever; Any former Order of this Court referring to the said Grant notwithstanding.

[Mass. Court Records, March 5, 1730–1.]

On the Order of the Board pass'd on the Narraganset Soldiers Petition, as enter'd the 17^th^ of Feb'ry: last:—In the House of Represent^ves^ Read & Non Concur'd, And the House adhere to their own Vote.

In Council Read & Non Concur'd.

[Mass. House Journal, March 5, 1730–1.]

The Petition of *Thomas Hunt* and others, in behalf of themselves and their Associates, the Soldiers that served in the *Narraganset* War, entred the 16th. of *February* last. Pass'd in Council, *viz.* In Council, *Feb.* 17, 1730. Read, and Non-concurred, and *Ordered*, That there be Liberty given to all Persons concerned, to bring in their Claims to the Lands granted to the Officers and Soldiers in the *Narraganset* War, unto the Committee formerly appointed by this Court for that Service, until the first *Wednesday* in *June* next, and that the Lands already granted by this Court to the said Officers and Soldiers, and their legal Representatives,

under certain Conditions and Restrictions, be, and hereby are absolutely given and granted to such Persons whose Claims are or shall be allowed by this Court, and to their Heirs and Assigns forever; any former Order of this Court referring to the said Grant notwithstanding. Sent down for Concurrence. Read and Non-concurred, And the House adhere to their own Vote.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, June 3, 1731.]

A Memorial of *Thomas Hunt* and others in behalf of themselves and Partners, Proprietors of the Towns granted to the *Narraganset* Soldiers, &c. praying, That they may have such other and further additional Grants of Land made them suitable to their great Number, and that effectual Provision may be made for a speedy and regular Settlement thereof, for Reasons mentioned. Read, and

Ordered, That there be liberty given to the Persons to bring in their Claims to the *Narraganset* Lands, to a Committee to be appointed by this Court until the first *Wednesday* in *September* next, and that such further Grant of Land be made to the Petitioners, as That every Hundred and Twenty Persons, whose Claims are or shall be allowed by this Court, may have a Township of the Contents of Six Miles square, under the same Restrictions and Limitations with those already granted, and that the Committees formerly appointed to lay out the Towns for the *Narraganset* Soldiers, and for examining the Claims of the said Soldiers, be the respective Committees for performing the like Services as above directed to, and that the Province be at the Charge of laying out the Land to be granted as above, into Tracts of Six Miles square, but not of any Subdivisions to particular Grantees.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, June 4, 1731.]

A Petition of Thomas Hunt & others a Committee in behalf of the Officers & Soldiers that were in the Narraganset War & the Represent^ves^ of those that are deceased, Shewing that upon one of their former Petitions the two Houses were pleased to vote a Town of

six miles square to each hundred & twenty Claimers & to lengthen out the Time for receiving Claims; Which Vote was revived by the House of Representᵛᵉˢ but not agreed to by the Council, who instead thereof voted an absolute Grant of the two Towns formerly granted to the Petitionʳˢ & that they should not be obliged to perform the Conditions of the Grant; Which Vote was Non Concur'd by the House & so nothing finally done to answer the Petition; so that the Petitionʳˢ are under great Discouragemᵗˢ as to the settling the Lands formerly granted; And therefore Praying for an additional Grant of Lands, & that the Claimers may have further Time to bring in & prove their several Claims.

In the House of Representᵛᵉˢ Read & ORDERED that there be Liberty given to Persons to bring in their Claims to the Narragansett Lands to a Committee to be appointed by this Court until the first Wednesday in September next, And that such further Grant of Land be made to the Petitioners as that every hundred & twenty Persons whose Claims are or shall be allowed by this Court may have a Township of the Contents of six Miles square, under the same restrictions & Limitations with those already granted; & that the Committees formerly appointed to lay out the Towns for the Narraganset Soldiers & for examining the Claims of the said soldiers be the respective Committees for performing the like services afore directed to, & that the Province be at the Charge to lay out the Land to be granted as above into Tracts of six Miles square but not of any Sub-divisions to particular Grantees:—

In Concil; Read & Non Concur'd.

[Mass. Court Records, Jan 19, 1731–2.]

In the House of Representᵛᵉˢ ORDERED that yᵉ following message be sent up to the Honᵇˡᵉ Board. Viz—Whereas there have been several Endeavours to accomodate the Narraganset Soldiers & their Descendants with a Suitable quantity of Land for thʳ Settlemᵗ as an Acknowledgemᵗ & Reward of their great Service to this Country which have failed hitherto of the desired Success; This House have thought it might tend to promote a good Understanding & Harmony in this Court to lay before the Honᵇˡᵉ Board, Wherefore it is that the Representᵛᵉˢ have come into the Grant of a Tract of six miles square to Each Number of One hundred &

Twenty persons which they have made this Session in Answer to the Petition of Thom^s^ Tilestone & others a Comm^te^ in behalf of themselves & the rest of the Soldiers & their Descendants, who were in the Narraganset War. And one great Reason is that there was a Proclamation made to the Army in the Name of the Govern^mt^ (as living Evidences very fully testify) when they were muster'd on Dedham Plain where they began their march, that if they played the man, took the Fort & Drove the Enemy out of the Narraganset Country, which was their great seat, that they should have a gratuity in Land besides their Wages; And it is well known, & our Sitting to hear this Petition is an Evidence that this was done; And as the Conditions has been performed, certainly the promise in all Equity & Justice ought to be fulfilled; And if We Consider the Difficulties these brave Men went thro' in Storming the Fort in the Depth of Winter, & the pinching wants they afterwards underwent in pursuing the Indians that escaped thro' a hideous Wilderness famously known throughout New England to this Name by the Name of the hungry March, and if we further Consider that until this brave tho' small Army thus played the Man, the whole Country was filled with Distress & fear, & We trembled in this Capital Boston it self, & that to the Goodness of God to this Army We owe our Fathers & our own Safety & Estates, We cannot but think y^t^ those Instrum^ts^ of Our Deliverance & Safety ought to be not only justly but also gratefully & generously rewarded & even with much more than they prayed for, If we measure w^t^ they receive from Us, by w^t^ we enjoy & have receiv'd from them, We need not mention to y^e^ Hon^ble^ Board the Wisdom Justice & Generosity of Our Mother Country & of the Ancient Romans on such Occasions, Triumphs, Orations Hereditary Honours & Priviledges all the Riches, Lands & Spoils of War & conquer'd Countrys have not been thought too great for those to whom they have not owed more if so much as We do to those our Deliverers: & We ought further to observe what greatly adds to their merit that they were not Vagabonds & Beggars & Outcasts, of w^ch^ Armies sometimes are considerably made up who run the Hasards of War to Avoid the Danger of Starving; so far from this that these were some of y^e^ best of Our Men, the Fathers & Sons of some of y^e^ greatest & best of Our famil^s^ & could have no other View but to Serve y^r^ Country & whom God was pleased accordingly in a very remarkable mann^r^ to Honour & Succeed. Of these things the Hon^ble^ the General Court of the Late Colony of the Massachusetts in those days was not insensible & accordingly gave

to y^r^ Soldiers being upward of Five Hundred, ab^t^ Two thirds of the Army that went from y^e^ Massachusetts, & the late Colony of Plimouth a Tract of ab^t^ forty thousand Acres in the Nipmug Country, this or the Value of it these Soldiers would be contented with & take in their Brethren of Plimouth too, thô that sh^d^ take away two thirds of w^t^ was granted them, & would after that have more in Value than w^t^ they now ask for them all, for Every one must own that 40000 Acres in the Heart of the Country as the Nipmug Country is, is of more Value than five times that quantity remote in the Borders & in Danger, if there should be a french War, as is & would be the Case with all the unappropriated Lands of the province, wh^ch^ they now ask for.—

It is hoped that the Neglect of these petition^rs^ so long or the provinces having disposed of the Nipmug Country to others & so defeated their ancient Grant, will not be thought to wear out any more than it rewards their Merit. The Grant seems to be made in Acknowledgem^t^ both of y^r^ promise & of y^r^ fulfilling y^e^ Condition & being well entitled to it, & there is great Reason to fear that publick Guilt w^d^ ly upon the Country if we should neglect & continue in the Breach of this promise after it has been made & omitted for above fifty Years. As to the late Grant of two Townships to Seven or eight hundred of these Soldiers, It is so far below the Value of the Land they Conquer'd, & the Price the province had for it when it was sold, & the money divided to the Colonies that carried on the War, It is such a Pittance of w^t^ they obtained for us, so exceedingly beneath w^t^ the province has defeated them of, which was granted to ab^t^ Two thirds of them in the Nipmug Country, that it is rather mocking & deriding them to offer it, Beyond w^t^ has been offered it sh^d^ be Considered that to Grant the present Petition, & give such a quantity of Land as may be worth Settling, & upon Conditions of bringing forward Townships is much more agreeable to Charter & for the publick Good than to Give away Tracts of Land & suffer & even tempt men to let them ly waste & unimprov'd, for in the way that has been proposed, & in which some Progress has been made, the Land will be divided into such Scraps that they will not be worth receiving.

In Council read—

A Petition of Tho^s^ Tilestone & others a Comm^tee^ for the Officers & Soldiers that were in the Narraganset War & the Descendants of them that are dec^d^ shewing y^t^ whereas this Court have granted two Townships of Six Miles square to the Petitio^rs^ for their good Service in s^d^ War, there appears so great a Number of Claimers

y^t y^e Land granted when it comes to be divided among them will be of Inconsiderable Value to the particular Propriet^rs praying a further Grant of Land—In the House of Represent^ves Read & in answer to this Petition—Ordered y^t such further Grant of Land be made to y^e Petition^rs that Every one Hundred & Twenty persons whose Claims have been allowed of by this Court, may have a Township of y^e Contents of six miles square under y^e same restrictions & Limitations with those Towns Already granted & that the Comm^tee formerly appointed to lay out y^e Towns for the Narraganset Soldiers be a Comm^tee to lay out the Land above granted & that the province be at the Charge of laying out the same, but not of any subdivisions to particular persons—In Council Read & Concur'd

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[Mass. Court Records, June 9, 1732.]

A Petition of Thomas Tilestone & others a Committee in behalf of the Officers & Soldiers in the Narrhaganset War, Praying the Revival of a Vote pass'd by both Houses on their former Petition given in at the last Winter Session for Enlarging the Grant of Land formerly made to them in Consideration of their great Services to this Province in the s^d War.—In the House of Represent^ves Read & in Answer to this Petition.—ORDERED that such further Grant be made the petition^rs as y^t Every one Hundred & Twenty Persons whose Claims have been or shall be allowed of by this Court within four Months of this Time may have a Township of the Contents of Six Miles square under the y^e same Restrictions & Limitations with these Towns already granted, & that the Comm^tee formerly appointed to lay out the Towns of the Narraganset Soldiers be a Committee to lay out the Land above granted, & the province be at the Charge of laying out the same, but not of any Subdivisions to any particular persons.—

In Council Read & Concur'd. Consented to.

[Mass. House Journal, June 30, 1732.]

A Petition of *Thomas Tilestone*, *Jonas Houghton*, and sundry others, a Committee of the Society of the *Narraganset* Soldiers, in behalf of themselves and the said Society, praying that forasmuch as the List of the Grantees is compleated, and consists of

eight hundred and forty in number, there may be such an addition made to their former Grant, as that each one hundred and twenty Persons already allowed of, may have a Township of the Contents of six Miles square under such restrictions and regulations as shall be thought best. Read and *Ordered*, That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and that Maj. *Chandler*, Mr. *Edward Shove*, Col. *Thomas Tilestone*, Mr. *John Hobson*, and Mr. *Samuel Chandler*, or any three of them be a Committee fully authorized and impowred to survey and lay out five more Tracts of Land for Townships of the Contents of six Miles square each, in some of the unappropriated Lands of this Province, and that the said Lands with the two townships before granted, be granted and disposed of to the Officers and Soldiers who were in the *Narraganset* War, or to their lawful Representatives, as they are and have been allowed by this Court, being eight hundred and forty in number in the whole, and is in full satisfaction of the Grant formerly made them by the General Court as a Reward for their publick Services, and the Grantees shall be obliged to assemble within as short a time as they can conveniently, not exceeding the space of two Months, and proceed to the Choice of Committees respectively, to regulate each propriety or township which is to be held and enjoyed by one hundred and twenty of the Grantees each, and in equal proportion; who shall pass such orders and rules as will effectually oblige them to settle sixty Families at least in each township, with a learned orthodox Minister, within the space of Seven Years from the date of this Grant, provided always that if the said Grantees shall not effectually settle the said number of Families in each Township, and also lay out a Lot for the first settled Misister, one for the Ministry, and one for the School in each of the said Townships, they shall have no advantage of, but forfeit their respective Grants, Anything to the contrary contained notwithstanding the Charge of the Survey to be paid by the Province.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, Feb. 19, 1733.]

In the House of Represent^{ves} ORDERED that Samuel Welles and John Chandler Esq^{rs} M^{r} Shove, M^{r} Samuel Chandler, & Major Epes with such as the Hon^{ble} Board shall appoint, be a Committee to rectify any Mistakes in the List of the Narraganset Grantees,

that there may be no Contention who shall succeed where the original Claimer is dead & also to consider of the Claims of sundry Persons who suppose themselves entitled by their Merit or the Merit of their Predecessors, but have been omitted in the List, & also to prepare the Draught of a Vote to lengthen the Time of settling the two Towns that were first granted.

In Council; Read & Concur'd, & Thomas Palmer, William Dudley, John Alford & Thomas Cushing Esq^{rs} are joined in the Affair.

[Mass. Court Records, April 26, 1733.]

A Petition of a Comm^{tee} for the Narraganset Soldiers, Shewing that there are the Number of Eight Hundred & forty persons Enter'd as Officers & Soldiers in the late Narragansett War, Praying that there may be such an Addition of Land granted to them as may allow a Tract of six miles Square to Each One Hundred & Twenty men so admitted

In the House of Represent^{ves} Read & ORDERED that the Prayer of the Petition be granted And that Major Chandler M^{r} Edward Shove Coll: Tho^{s} Tilestone M^{r} John Hobson & M^{r} Samuel Chandler (or any three of them) be a Comm^{tee} fully authorized & impowered to Survey & lay out five more Tracts of Land for Townships, of the Contents of six Miles Square each, in some of the unappropriated Lands of this province & y^{e} s^{d} Lands (together with the two Towns before granted) be granted & disposed of to the Officers & Soldiers who were in the Narraganset War, or to their lawful Represent^{ves} as they are or have been allowed by this Court being Eight Hundred & forty in number in the whole, & is in full Satisfaction of the Grant formerly made them by the General Court as a reward for their publick Services; And the Grantees shall be obliged to Assemble within as short Time as they can conveniently, not exceeding the Space of two months & proceed to the Choice of Comm^{tees} respectively to regulate Each Propriety or Township wh^{ch} is to be held & enjoyed by One Hundred & twenty of the Grantees each & in equal proportion who shall pass such Orders & Rules as shall effectually oblige them to Settle Sixty Families at least within each Township with a learned orthodox Minister within the space of Seven Years from the Date of this Grant, Provided always that if the said Grantees shall not Effectually settle the s^{d} Number of Families in Each Township &

also lay out a Lot for y^e^ first Settled Minister, One for the Ministry & one for the School in Each of the said Townships, they shall have no Advantage of, but forfeit their respective Grants, Any thing to the Contrary contained Notwithstanding; the Charge of the Survey to be paid by the province

In Council; Read & Concur'd.—

Consented to J Belcher.

[Mass. Court Records, June 13, 1733.]

In the House of Represent^ves^ Ordered that Samuel Welles Esq^r^ M^r^ Shove, M^r^ Fairfeild, M^r^ Chandler, M^r^ Choat, Ezra Bowen Esq^rs^ M^r^ Terry & Cp^t^ Shapleigh with such as the Hon^ble^ Board shall appoint be a Comm^tee^ to Examine the List of the Claims of the Narraganset Soldiers in Order to rectify the Mistakes in such Claimers as have been Entered more than once to one Right & also to receive the Claims of such persons as have been hitherto omitted & ought to have the Benefit of the Grant, & to consider of some proper Method for the more easy Settlem^t^ of the Grantees, & make report thereon as soon as may be—

In Council Read & Non Concurrd.

[Mass. Court Records, Aug. 16, 1733.]

In the House of Represent^ves^ Voted that M^r^ Welles M^r^ Choate, M^r^ Hobson & M^r^ Cushing be a Comm^tee^ on the part of the House to confer With such Comm^tee^ as the Board shall Join on their part on the Subject Matter of the Vote of the House of the 13^th^ of June last, relating to the reforming the List of the Claims of the Narraganset Soldiers & to receive the Claims of such as sh^d^ be brought forward W^ch^ Vote was non concur'd by the Board, the Comm^tees^ to report respectively what may be proper for y^e^ Court to do on s^d^ Vote—

In Council Read & Concur'd And Simonds Epes, Joseph Wadsworth Francis Foxcroft & Edward Goddard Esq^rs^ are appointed a Comm^tee^ of the Board for the said Conference—

[Mass. House Journal, Aug. 23, 1733.]

A Memorial of several of the Committees of the Societies of the *Narraganset* Grantees, praying that for the speedy and safe

Settlement of the Townships granted to the *Narraganset* Officers and Soldiers a reasonable value or sum may now be ascertained to a Right or Grant there, for the reason mentioned.

Read and committed to the Committee for *Narraganset* Claims.

[Mass. Court Records, April 12, 1734.]

In the House of Represent^ves *Voted* that M^r Fellows, M^r Fairfield & M^r Hobson be added to the Committee appointed the fifteenth of Feb'ry last respecting y^e Narraganset Grantees :—

In Council; Read & Concur'd.

[Mass. Court Records, April 18, 1734.]

Thomas Palmer Esq^r from the Committee of both Houses on the Affair of settling the Towns granted to the Narraganset soldiers gave in the following Report; viz.

The Committee to whom was refer'd the Affair of the Narraganset Claimers are of Opinion that the Consideration of Admitting such Claimers as heretofore omitted presenting or proving their Claims should be refer'd to the Session of the General Court in May next; That the true Intent & Meaning of the Grant made of Lands to those that were in that War was that the Persons who were in that War, only should be entitled, if alive, whosoever put in his Claim, & if deceased, then his legal Represent^ves were entitled to benefit thereby, in such way as was consistent with the Conditions & Limitations of Settlement &c, upon which said Lands were granted; which it was never supposed a Deceased Claimers Heir (in ordinary Cases) could or would receive where there were more than one on the Conditions of the Grant, but that where there were divers Descendants of a Person that had a Right, they would agree & consent it should belong to one only; but whereas in some Cases by reason of an evil Mind & turbulent Disposition, & in others by reason of Minority there is a great difficulty; We propose that it be resolved & ordered That where the Person is deceased who was in the service, the Grant shall be and belong to his legal Represent^ves in the following manner, viz. That the eldest Heir Male, if such there be, otherwise the oldest Female, if they please shall hold the Land, paying to the other Decendants

or Heirs such proportionable parts of Ten Pounds (at which we judge a Right ought to be valued) as such Decendants or Heirs would be entitled to in the Lands if such Lands descended according to the Law of the Province for the Settlem[t] of Intestate Estates; & also pay what Charge any of said Descendants may have been at to prove or bring forward such Claim; And if any Dispute shall happen about the Person or Charge, the Settlers or Grantees in each of the Towns shall fix & settle it by a Major Vote. The Committee is farther of Opinion that the seven years for settling the Towns granted to the Narraganset Claimers as well the two first as the five last be computed from the first Day of June next:—In the Name & by Order of the Comm[tee]

Tho. Palmer

In Council; Read & ORDERED that this Report be accepted:—
In the House of Represent[ves] Read & Concur'd:—
Consented to. J Belcher

[*List of Narragansett Grantees, 1735.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, pp. 103–110.]

Boston.

His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq[r] for his Father Andrew Belcher Esq[r]
William Clark Esq[r] for y[e] Heirs of Doct. John Clark
The Heirs of Richard Way
William Dinsdell for his Father William
Sarah Warren for her Husband
Benjamin Swain for his father Henry
Isaac Prince's Heirs
The Heirs of Doct[r] John Cuttler
The Heirs of Benj[a] Williams
Daniel Allin for his father Nicholas
The heirs of Henry Timberlake — The Heirs of Jeremiah Fay
The Heirs of Thomas Weymouth — The Heirs of John Arrnold
Sam[ll] Kneeland for his Grandfather Sam[ll] Polard
Benj[a] Bicknerd for his Father Sam[ll]
The Heirs of Jacob Grigs — John Gridley for his Father Joseph
John Nelson Alive — Peres Savage's Heirs
James Lendals Heirs — Thomas Plimblys heirs

John Gridley for his grand Father John Mors
John Ruggles for his Father Ruggles
Sam[ll] Kneeland for John Triscot
Rebekah Harman for hur Father Daniel Mathewes
Benj[a] Dyer for his Father Benj[a] Dyer
Edward Ting for his Father Edward Ting
John Leach for his Father John Leach
John Chamberlan for his Father Henry
Benj[a] Landon for his Father David
John Lain for his Father Joshua
Rebeckah Foster for hur Father Edward Weden
Sarah Perkins for Joshua Hewes
Thomas Daws for his Father Ambros
Zachariah Gurney Alive
Addington Davenport Esq[r] for his Uncle Cap[t] Davenport
Thomas Hunt Alive
Joseph Wadsworth Esq[r] for his Father Cap[t] Wadsworth
Owen Harris for his Wifes Father Petter Bennet
Simon Rogers for his Father Gamaliel
John Tuckerman Alive Richard Bill for his Father Richard
William Hacy for his Grandfather William
John Richards for his Father John
Jonathan Williams for his Wifes Father Cap[t] Mandsley
William Manley Alive John Mears Alive
Ephraim Moor for his Father Caleb
Daniel Oliver Esq[r] for his Uncle Cap[t] James Oliver
Hugh Calder for his Wifes Fath[a] John Hands
John Simkins for his Father Pilgrim
Nath[a] Goodwin for his Father John
Thomas Beedle for his Father Thomas
Moses Ayers for his Father George Ripley
John Moors for his Father Thomas
Samuel Kneeland for Dommini McDouell
Thomas Barnard for his Father Thomas

Billerica

John Stern's Heirs Nath[a] Rogers Alive
James Pattison for his Father James
John Needham for his Father John
Sam[ll] Hunt Alive Sam[ll] Shelden for his Father
John Shed Alive Benj[a] Thompson for his Father Joseph

Brantree

Samuel Bass Alive
Samuel Whitt for his Wifes Father Sam[ll] Bingley
Thomas Caplin for his Father Thomas
Thomas Holbrook Alive
The Heirs of Thomas Bingley

Boxford

Stephen Peabody for his Father William
James Curtise for Francies Jefferys
John Andrews for his Father Robart
John Bixbe for his Father Joseph

Brookfield

Edward Walker Alive

Beverly

Thomas Rayment Alive
Henry Bayley Alive
Ralph Elinwood Alive
Christopher Read Alive
Lott Connant Alive
Thomas Blackfield for his Father Thomas
Andrew Dodge for John Elinwood
Joseph Morgan for his Father Joseph
William Dodges Heirs
Jonathan Byels Alive
William Rayments Heirs
Joseph Picket for his Father Elias
Sam[ll] Harris's Heirs
John Doges Heirs

Bridgewater

Abigail Hubard for hur Father Richard Burnham
Sam[ll] Pecker for his Father Sam[ll]
Daniel Hudson Alive
Isaac Leonard for his Father Isaac
Richard Jennings Alive
Benj[a] Richards for Joseph Richards
Edward Howard for his Father John
James Cary for his Father James
Thomas Hayward the 3[th] for his Uncle Elisha
Benj[a] Washborn for his Father Jonathan
Ebenezer Hill for his Uncle Joseph Baley
Josiah Edson Esq[r] for Solomon Cheeker
Ebenezer Hill for his Father Ebenezer
John Handmore for his Father John

Bellingham

Thomas Brick for his Father Thomas

Brooklyn

Benj[a] Whites Heirs
Joseph Gardnor for his Brother Samuel

Barrington

Joseph Allen for his Father Benj[a]
Joseph Allen for his Uncle Richard
John Reed for his Father John

Berwick

Nicholas Tarbotts Heirs

Bristoll

John Borworth for his Father John

Bedford

Elezer Davis Assine to John Wight

Biddaford

Moses Dures Alive

Bradford

Ichabod Boynton for his Father John

Cambridge

William Russel Alive — Gershom Cutter Alive
Joseph Beammus for his Father Joseph
Jonathan Remington Esq[r] for his Fath[a] Cp[t] Remington
Downing Champney for his Father Samuel
Jonathan Barthrick for his Father Thomas
Petter Hay for his Brother in law John Barrett
William Gleson for his Father William
The Heirs of John Smith
Samuel Smith for his Uncle Samuel
The Heirs of Joseph Smith — The Heirs of Nath[ll] Smith
The Heirs of Thomas Brown
Jonathan Gates for his Father Simon
Thomas Willington for his Uncle John
Daniel Cheaver for his Uncle James
Will Brattle Esq[r] for his Grandfather Cap[t] Tho[s] Brattle

Concord

Abraham Temple Alive
John Woods Heirs
Samuel Chandler for his Father Joseph
Joseph Buckley for his Father Petter Buckley
Samuel Chandler Assine to John Faley
John Wheeler for his Brother Joseph Wheeler
Joseph Wheat for Moses Wheat
William Clark Heir to John Taylor
Jane Cane for hur Father John Cane
George Farrow Heir to Sam[ll] How
Eleazer Flag for his Father Eleazer
Ebenezer Wheeler for his Father John
Joseph Dudley for his Grandfather Tho[s] Goble
George Haywards Heirs
Ephrim Brown for his Father Thomas
Samuel Chandler Assigne to John Guigs
Daniel Adams for his father in law Daniel Dean
Daniel Billing for his Father Nath[a]
Sam[ll] Hartwell for his Father Sam[ll] Hartwell
Elnathan Jones Assigne to Jonat[a] Locker
Samuel Buttricks Heirs
James Russel for his Grandfather Benj[a]
Samuel Chandler Jun[r] Ssine to John Kene
Jonathan Whittne Alive
David Wheeler Asine to Sam[ll] Greeland

Charlstown

James Lowden Alive
Samuel Read Alive
Henry Summers Alive
Robert Fosket for his Father John
Thomas Skinner for his Uncle Isaac Lewis
Samuel Fosket for his Father Samuel
Samuel Long for his Uncle Sam[ll] Newhell
Margery Dowse for hur Father Joseph
Nath[ll] Goodwin for his Uncle Benj[a] Lathrop
James Smiths Heir namely Jon[a] Call
Joseph Pratts Heirs
Sam[ll] Lemmons Heirs
William Burts Heirs
Jacob Coles Heirs
John Mousleys Heirs
Humphry Millers Heirs
John Hawkins Heirs
John Trumballs Heirs
Alexander Philliphs Heirs
George Mudges Heirs
John Shepherds Heirs
Thomas Welche's Heirs

George Grinds Heirs
Timothy Cutlers Heirs
Thomas Jorners Heirs
John Griffen Heir to Mathew Griffen
Ebenezer Breed for his Father John
Zac[a] Davis for his Uncle Hopestill Davis
John Sprague for his Father Jonathan
Elezer Johnson for his Father Edward
John Senter for his Father John
Joseph Lynds Heirs
James Kittle for his Father

Yarmouth

Sam[ll] Barker for his Father Samuel
Rich[d] Taylour Alive
William Gray for his Father William
William Chase Alive
Cap[t] John Gorehams Heirs

Thomas Baxters		John Thatchers	
John Halletts		John Mathews	
Thomas Thorntons		William Grays	
Sam[ll] Halls		James Makers	
James Claghorns		Joseph Halls	
Lammy Hedges		Nath[a] Halls	
Joseph Weldens		Samuel Thomas's	
Jonathan Smiths		Samuel Jones's	
Richard Taylours	Heirs	Thomas Feltons	Heirs
John Gages		William Follens	
William Gages		Anamias Wings	
John Crowells		John Chases	
Henry Golds		Richard Lakes	
Jabez Gorhams		Henry Gages	
Yelverton Crowells		John Pugsleys	
Daniel Bakers		Jonathan Whights	
Samuel Bakers		William Bakers	

York

Denison Sergent for his Father Andrew

The Committee order'd to prepare a Correct & Exact list of the Grantees of the Seven Narraganset Townships lately laid out by order of the Great & General Court, humbly offer the aforewritten list of Eight hundred & forty persons, for confirmation, which they have prepar'd with great pains & the utmost faithfulness

By order of the Committee

Samuel Welles

In the House of Representatives April 17th 1735
Read and Ordered that this Report be Accepted and the several persons within named are hereby declared to be the Grantees of the seven Naraganset Towns above mentioned to have and to hold the same to them their heirs & assigns respectively according to the Conditions of the Grant
Sent up for Concurrence John Quincy Speakr

In Council April 18: 1735 Read & Concurred
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Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, April 17, 1735.]

Samuel Welles, Esq; from the Committee for taking a correct and exact List of the Grantees of the Seven *Narragansett* Townships lately laid out by order of the Great and General Court made report of a written List of Eight hundred and forty Persons, the Committee humbly offered for confirmation, which they had prepared with great pains and faithfulness. Read and *Ordered*, That this report be accepted, and the several Persons within named are hereby declared to be the Grantees of the Seven *Narragansett* Towns above mentioned, to have and to hold the same to them their heirs and assigns respectively, according to the Conditions of the Grant.
Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. Court Records, April 18, 1735.]

The Report of the Committee Appointed to take an Exact list of the Narragansett Soldiers (on the said List) is as follows vizt—
The Committee directed to prepare a Correct and Exact list of the Grantees of the Seven Narragansett Townships lately laid out by order of the Great and General Court humbly offer the aforewritten list of Eight hundred & forty persons for Confirmation which they have prepared with Great pains and the Utmost faithfulness
By order of the Committee Samuel Welles

In the House of Represent[a] Read & ORDERED that this Report be Accepted and the Several persons within named are hereby Declared to be Grantees of the Several Narrgansett Towns abovementioned, to have and to hold the Same to them their Heirs and Assigns Respectivly According to the Conditions of the Grant—

In Council Read & Concurr'd—

Consented to J Belcher

[Mass. House Journal, April 19, 1735.]

Samuel Welles, Esq; from the Committee for that Service appointed, reported, that the Committee had prepared a List of the *Narragansett* Grantees omitted in the Grant of the Seven Townships, and by the Evidences the Persons mentioned in said List were in the Fort Fight or Long March, or both.

Read and referred to the next *May* Session.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 5, 1736–7.]

Mr. *Samuel Chandler* from the Committee appointed the *9th.* ult. to consider of the Claims of the *Narragansct* Officers and Soldiers before the Court, who have not received any Grant, reported, That they had taken a List consisting of Two hundred and thirty two Persons, who the Committee are of Opinion were in the Fort Fight or Long March, or both, in the *Narragansett* War, which they had prepared with great pains and faithfulness. Read and accepted, and *Ordered*, That the Several Persons claiming, as appears in and by the within List, be and hereby are Entitled to a full Right or Share of the unappropriated Lands of the Province, equal to any Share or Right heretofore granted to the *Narragansett* Officers and Soldiers, and on the same Conditions of Settlement.

Sent up for Concurrence.

[Mass. House Journal, Jan. 5, 1736–7.]

The Committee appointed to consider of the Claims of the *Narragansett* Officers and Soldiers before the Court, and take a cor-

rect List of such as have not yet recived any Grant, having presented a List containing Two hundred and thirty two Persons. Read and *Ordered*, That Mr. *Samuel Chandler* and *Thomas Tilestone*, Esq; with such as shall be joined by the honourable Board, be a Committee fully authorized and impowred to Survey and lay out two Tracts of Land for Townships, of the contents of six Miles square in some of the unappropriated Lands of the Province, and return a Plat or Plats thereof within twelve Months for Confirmation to this Court, and that the said two Tracts of Land be granted & disposed of to & among the Officers & Soldiers born upon said List, or their Heirs Descendants or their legal Representatives who were in the *Narragansett* War, as a Reward for their Services & Sufferings in said War, and to eight others as this Court shall hereafter grant & order; and the Grantees shall be obliged to assemble in as short a time as they can conveniently, not exceeding the space of six Months, and proceed to the Choice of Committees respectively to regulate each Propriety or Township which is to be held & enjoyed by one hundred and twenty of the Grantees each in equal proportion, who shall pass such Orders and Rules as will effectually oblige them to settle sixty Families at least within the space of five Years from the date of this Grant; provided always that if the said Grantees shall not effectually settle the said Number of Families in each Township, and also lay out a Lot for the first settled Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for the School in each of the said Townships, they shall have no advantage of but forfeit their respective Grants, anything to the contrary in this Grant contained notwithstanding, the Charge of the Survey to be born by the Province, or otherwise as this Court shall order.

Sent up for Concurrence.

TOWN BOUNDS.

GENERAL.

[*Act to Establish Town Grants, 1701.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 31.]

Province of New Hampsheire

An act ffor the Confermation of Town Grants

Seal

Be it Enacted by the Leiutenant Governour Councill and Representatives Conveand in Generall Assembly and by the authoritie of the same That all grants of lands that have bin heretofore Made unto any person or persons By the Inhabitants of the Respective Towns Within this Province or by the Select men or a Com'ittee in Each Respective Towne shall be accounted and heild to be good and Valued unto the Several Granttes there heiers Executours and Assignes ffor Ever Any law usage or Custome to the Contrary Notwithstanding

12th Septr 1701: this Bill was read three times and Passd by the Councill to be Enacted, and Sent Downe to the House of Representatives for concurrence

Cha: Story Secretary

Eodm Die Passd by the Assembly who desires this Bill may be Enacted the Lt Govr consenting thereto;

Samll Penhallow, Speaker

By the Lt Govr
I Assent to the Enacting this Bill./

Wm Partridge Lt Govror

[*Act to Establish Town Bounds, 1701.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 23.]

An act to Establish Town bounds.

To prevent Contention and Controversies [which] may arise between Town and Town, partie and partie about their bounds of Lands

Bee itt enacted by the Lft Govr Councill and Representatives convend in general assembly, and by ye authority of ye Same, That all Townships, Town bounds, other rights and properties, thereunto belonging, shall stand good and are hereby confirmed unto them respectively in the same State and condition, that they have been formerly Stated, settled, or agreed upon, and possesd;

And if any difference shall happen to arise between any Towns about their bound; Application shalbe made to the Lf^t^ Gov^r^ Councill, and Rep^r^sentatives for a committee to bee appointed of Indiffarent men to hear what such Towns have to say for themselves, and to make there report unto the Same for a Determination thereof.

Past by the Assembly And pray that it may be Ingrossed
June 18^th^ 1701. Henry Dow Clerk protempore

[*Act to Provide for Maintaining Bounds.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 137.]

whereas diferences is apt to arise between towne and towne within this province for want of maintayninge & keepinge up thayer bounds betwene them, as also betwene naighbour & naighbour in theire neglectinge to keepe up theire land marks for prevention whereof

bee It Enacted &c

That each towne within this province shall and are hereby Impowered once in every yeare in the month of april to make Choise of two or more of theire prinsapall ffreeholders, to run the lyne & renew the marks of the Bounds of theire towne, which beinge Chosen Shall forthwith in one of the s^d^ months send to the select men of theire neighboring towne that by them or thaire towne, two or more may be sent at time and place where the first movers thereof Shall apoint, to Setell the bounds and renew the marks betwene theire s^d^ townes acordinge to former Custom: and if any towne within this province shall neglect theire duty herein they Shall forfitt the Sume of five pounds to theire majestys for the use of the province for theire neglect from time to time, it is further ordered that all landmarks betwene naighbour & Naighbour shall bee renewed once in three years or oftner if need requier and if any Shall refuse so to doe upon his ajacent Naighbours request he Shall forfitt the Sume of ten Shillings for every months neglect the one halfe for y^e^ use of the pore: & the other to his Naighbour that shall sue for the Same

Nath^ll^ Weare
henry Green
Danill Tilton
John Redman

With this Addition at y^e^ End of y^e^ word Landmarks y^t^ y^e^ words (ACording to former record) be Entred past — Hunking Clark—

Past in behalfe of the Councill

W^m^ Redford : Dep^t^ Secry

y^t^ y^e^ above bill be in Grost — Hunking Clark

[*Draft of Act to Establish Town Bounds.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 203.]

An act to Establish Town Bounds and lands To prevent Contention and Controversie that may arise between Towne and Towne pertie and pertie About the bounds of there lands

Be it Enacted by the Left^nt^ Govenour Councill and Representatives Convend in Generall Assembly and by the authoritie of the Same that all Townships Towne Bounds and Towne grants lieng Within the limitts of this Province shall stand good and are hereby Confermed to the Towns and persons Concernd, In the Same State and Condition thay Were granted or formerly agred upon And that the bounds betweene Towne and Towne shall be Run and Renued once Every three yeare by men appointed by the Select men in Each Towne And the select men of the most ancient Towne to give notice to the Selectmen of the next adjacent Towne att some Conveniant time of the time and place of meeting for such perambelation Sixe days before hand on penaltie the Towne neglecting there duty herein to pay a ffine of five pounds two thirds to the use of the pore of the Towne the other third part to the use of the select men of the next adjacent Towne that shall informe and sue for the same in the inferior Court of Common Pleas to be recovered by action or information And that Each proprietore of land lieng unfenced or in any Com'on feild shall once in three years on six days notice given him by the next proprietor or proprietors next adjoyning Run the lines Make and keep up the bounds between them by Suffishent bound stones on penaltie that Every pertie so neglecting or Refusing shall pay a fine of ten shillings one half to the pertie Moving and the other Half to the use of the pore of the Towne being Convented and Convicted of such neglect or Refusall before any Justice of the peace Who is hereby impowred to heare and determin the Same

[*Commissioners Appointed to Run Town Lines, 1745.*]

[Mass. "Town Boundaries," p. 133.]

Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the Second by the grace of God of great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c—

{ Seal } To the Hon^ble^ Ebenezer Stevens, John Macmurphy, Richard Jennis, Thomas Packer Esq^rs^ and Major Zacceus Lovell Greeting—

WHEREAS We have thought fit to order and appoint That the Northern boundaries of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, shall be a Simular Curve line, pursuing the Course of Merrimack River, at three miles distance from the north side thereof, Beginning at the Atlantick ocean, and ending at a point due North of a place called Pantucket falls, and a strait line drawn from Thence, due West cross the said river, till it meets with His Majesties other Governments—And whereas divers Inhabitants To the Northward of said boundary in our Province of New Hampshire, from the western and Nothern boundary of South Hampton, To the western and nothern boundary of a place called Dunstable first And Second Parrish, Including that part of Litchfield which Lies On the Western part of Merrimack are not Incorporated into any of Our Townships of New Hampshire, and the said Inhabitants having Petition'd our Governor in Council, representing that the acts already passed for their accomodation, divideing them into Certain Districts, have proved ineffectual for Conducting their Publick affairs And therefore pray they may be incorporated into Townships, By such meets, and bounds, as the nature and Circumstances of Their Situation will best admitt of—

KNOW YE that We reposeing especial Trust and Confidence in your ability, discretion, and integrity have Constituted and by these presents do Constitute and appoint you the Said – Ebenezer Stevens, John Macmurphy, Richard Jennis, Thomas Packer Esqrs & Major Zacceus Lovell our Commissioners, any three Of whom to make a Quorum, to mark out the Southern boundaries Of as many towns as the boundary line between our Province of The Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, as the Land of its Inhabitants will allow of, untill you Cross the river Merrimack, On the Western side whereof lies Dunstable first and Second Parrish, Which with a small part of a place called Litchfield lying on the Western side of said Merrimack, you are to divide into four

parts, In doing of which you are not to extend beyond their antient bounds, Distinguishing each Town in your Plan by N° 1, 2 &ª in order To their Incorporation without any further Survey—

And you are hereby required to repair to the Places Aforesaid with all Convenient dispatch, taking the best Information You can obtain from the Principal Inhabitants, for their general Accomodation, and to return a plan of your doings hereon into our Secretaries office. And we do hereby ordain that the Charges That have, or may arise in the Execution of our Commission Shall be equally born by the respective Incorporations *Wittness* Benning Wentworth Esq^r^, our Captain general, Governor and Commander In Chief, at Portsmouth February 27^th^ 1745—

B Wentworth

By his Exceleneys Com'and

Theodore Atkinson Se^ry^

[*Report of Committee to Run Town Lines, 1741.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 139.]

Prov^e^ of New Hamp^r^ } Haverhil District March 21^st^ 1745/6

Pursuant to His Excel^ys^ Commission to us the Subscribers impowering us to marke out the Southern Boundaries of as many Towns on the Boundary line between the Prov^e^ of New Hamp^r^ and the Prov^e^ of the massachusets Bay, until the Said Line Croses the river merrimack we agree first that the People to the Northward of the Prov^e^ line from the South west Corner of South Hampton to Haverhil North west line that comes from Holts Rocks to the Prov^e^ Line be one Town, from that Line to methewin line be one Town Except Timothy Johnson, W^m^ Johnson with their Poles and Estates and a Small peice of Land Joyning to Methuin line belonging to m^r^ Abial Kielle, which we think resionable should be set of to methewin, from Said Kielles land to Dracut Line be one Town, from Dracut line to the river merrimack be one Town, the Western side Merrimack we agree shall be divided into four parts agreable to the plan return'd all which bounds we find to be agreable, not only to the Principal inhabitants but to the people in general

Eben^r^ Stevens
John Macmurphy
Richard Jannes
Tho^s^ Packer
Zacheus Lovewell

To the westward of South hampton to Haverhil Dist[t]	1	£8.10. 0
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Methewin Distri[t] to Dracut	1	8: 0: 0
Dracut District to the river Merrimack	3	25:10: 0
Dunstable 4 towns	4	34: 0: 0
	13—	£110: 0: 0

Eber Stevens	11 Days	
Jn° m[c]murphy	11 Days	
Rich[d] Jennes	11 Do	
Tho[s] Packer	11 Do	
Maj[r] Zach[s] Lovel	11 Do	
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Peirce & Packer on Haverhill District 3 Days Eatch—		£12—
& Peirce & Warner—		£28

DISPUTED
TOWN BOUNDARIES.

[*Remonstrance from Proprietors of Canterbury.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 177.]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq^r Captain General & Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of New Hampshire: The Honourable His Majesties Council: and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled.

A Committee of the Proprietors of the Township of Canterbury being notified of a Petition of a Committee of the Townships of Barnstead & Chichester to the Honourable Court: Setting forth, that the Boundaries of said Towns, were, for want of due care; become uncertain, or rather unknown where they Joyn as the original Marks are Lost: and apprehending they are encroached upon by the Towns below; and praying that a Committee may be appointed, & duly Authorized, to fix the Bounds of s^d Towns on every side.

The said Committee of Canterbury, beg leave, to remonstrate against the Prayer of said Petition, so far as it relates to their constitutents: for the following reasons (Viz) That the Town of Canterbury has been settled near thirty Years and the first Bound which is a Beach Tree, well known: said Tree is a corner Bound to Bearnstead, Chichester & Gillmantown: the said Tree is now standing, and fairly Markt, with the initial Letters of a number of Names; and the Dates of the Years 1728, & 1729: and there are Mark'd Lines runing from s^d Tree between the four Towns, the Marks (above), appear as ancient as the laying out of said Towns, and because Canterbury has always perambulated with Gillmantown from s^d Tree: and are now, and always have been, ready to do the same (upon due Notice) with Chichester, neither do the said Committeee of Barnstead & Chichester make any complaint of encroachments on the part of Canterbury tho' they request a Committee to Settle the Bounds of their Towns on *every side*

These reasons your humble Petitioners beg leave to lay before your Excellency & Honours desiring you will act as in your great Wisdom and goodness you see fit and your Petitioners shall (as in Duty bound) ever pray

Henry Y: Brown } Committee for
Archelaus Moor } Canterbury

[*Canterbury and Gilmanton.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 181.]

June y^e^ begining 1750 the boundary Line between Gilmonton and Canterbury was prambulated by John page Esq^r^ & Jon^a^ Connor Committee for Gilmonton and Cap^t^ Jeramiah Clough and Sarg^t^ Josiah Miles Select men of Canterbury and the Line was Run by Nathan Sanborn Survayer the bounds next to Chichester a beach the Line between Gilmonton & Canterbury Runs N W the bounds next to y^e^ River a black ash

Thomas Clough Clerk

[*James Gibson's Deposition, 1764.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 185.]

James Gibson of lawfull Age Testifieth and Saith that about the first of June Seventeen hundred & fifty he was with John Page Esq : Jon^a^ Conner Jeremiah Clough & Josiah Miles Perambulating the line between Gillmantown & Canterbury and took the Line at a Beach Tree fairly marked for a Bound between Barnstead Chichester Gillmantown & Canterbury and that there was Lines running North East, South East, South West, & North West from Said Beach Tree said Lines appear to be made about twenty Years before the s^d^ time of our runing or perambulating the line between Gillmantown & Canterbury and being now on the Spot he finds s^d^ Beach Tree standing and the above marks fair as before

His

Attest Archelaus Moor James X Gibson

Mark

Canterbury July 30/1764 I being with the above s^d^ James Gibson at the Bound Tree above mention'd He then made Oath to the Truth of the above s^d^ Deposition by him subscribed before me

Jeremiah Clough Jus^t^ Pacis

[*Josiah Miles's Deposition, 1764.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 187.]

Josiah Miles of Lawfull Age Testifieth and Saith that about the beginning of June Seventeen hundred and fifty he was with John

Page Esq Jon^{a} Conner & Cap^{t} Jeremiah Clough Perambulating the Line between Canterbury & Gillmantown And they took s^{d} Line at a Beach Tree which was fairly Marked for the Bound between Bearnstead Chichester Gillmantown and Canterbury and the Marks appeard to be as Ancient as the first laying out of s^{d} Towns—The Date of the Year Seventeen hundred & twenty eight was on s^{d} Tree and likewise the Letters of the Names of a great number of Men who are said to have been of the Committees who laid out s^{d} Towns and Mark'd said Tree for the Bounds of the Same or perambulated from it & to it: In particular among others R: Downing 1749 N: O: 1728 D: C: 1729 I: C:, I: R:, N: T:, S: C: and being on the Spot at the making this Deposition he finds said Beach Tree Standing and fairly marked as before: and Ancient Lines running from it South East, North West, South West and North East, which Marks appear to be of more than thirty Years Standing

Josiah Miles

Canterbury July 30/1764 I being with the aboves^{d} Josiah Miles at the Bound Tree above mentioned He then made Oath To the Truth of the above s^{d} Deposition by him Subscribed before me

Jeremiah Clough ⸗Jus^{t} Pacis

[*Canterbury Committee Appointed, 1764.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 183.]

At a Legal meeting of the propriators of the Town of Canterbury (held by ajournment) on the forth wensday of may 1764 Voted that L^{t} Joseph Sias Cap^{t} Archelaus Moor and Cap^{t} Henry Young Brown be a Committee To give in Reasons to the Gen^{l} Court why it is not nessacary to have a Committee from the General Court to Settle the boundaries of Canterbury between them and Chichester and Gilmonton and one or more of S^{d} Committee to present the Same to the Court and Transact any affair Relative there too and that the Said Committee be fully Impower^{d} to Joyn with any other Committees that may be appointed to Settle any Bounds where by the Town of Canterbury may be any ways Concerned in order to the final Settlement of the boundaries of S^{d} Town of Canterbury

Canterbury Dec^{r} 25th 1764 A True Coppy Taken from the Records of the Town of Canterbury

Test Thomas Clough proprietors Clerk

[*Chester Bounds, 1722.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 5, p. 1.]

The Bounds of Chester are as follow

To begin at Exeter Southerly Corner bounds and from thence run upon a west by north point two miles along Kingston northerly line to Kingston north Corner bounds, then upon a South point three miles along Kingston head line to Kingston South Corner bounds, and from thence upon a West-nor-west point ten miles into the Country; Then to begin again at the aforesaid Exeter Southerly Corner bounds, and run Seven Miles upon Exeter head line upon a north East point half a point more northerly, then fourteen miles into the Country upon a West-nor-west point to the *river Merrimack* and from thence upon a Streight line to the end of y^e^ aforesaid ten mile line

Certify'd ℔ Rich^d^ Waldron Cler: Con.
Chester Charter
bears date y^e^ Eighth
day of May 1722
Certified
℔ R Waldron Secret'y

[*Chester and Exeter.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 69.]

In Council Dec^r^ 15^th^ 1726

The Selectmen of Chester appearing to Prosecute their Petition for a Comittee to run the headline of Exeter which is the Dividing line between the s^d^ Towns and the Select men of Exeter also Appearing, and both parties being fully heard.

It is Ord^d^ That the Prayer of the Petition be granted And That Nathan^ll^ Wear Esq^r^ Deacon John Cate & Dan^l^ Lunt be a Com'ittee or the Maj^r^ of them to run and Settle y^e^ s^d^ Dividing line And That they begin at the Read Oake Tree marked for Dover West Northerly bounds and run from thence upon a West & by North point of the Compass two miles for Exeter bounds on that Side and from thence upon a Streight line to the beach Tree marked for Exeter West northerly bounds—According to y^e^ Grand Com'ittees return in y^e^ year 1718 And That they measure from the said Beach Tree along Exeter Side line being E & b S: to a

Tree Com'only Called Exeter South Tree which is the bounds of s^d^ Exeter Next to Hampton, And That they make report to this board of their doings therein Sometime between this time and the Tenth of Jan^ry^ Next and that the Charge be paid by the two Towns Jointly— R Waldron Cler: Con

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[*Petition from Clement Hughes of Chester, 1726.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 71.]

To the Hon^ble^ Jn^o^ Wentworth Esq^r^ L^t^ Gov^r^ and Com'and^r^ in Cheif in & over His maj^ties^ Prov^e^ of New Hamp^r^ and to the Hon^ble^ the Council for Said Prov^e^

The Humble Petition of Clem^t^ Hughes for himself & in behalf of y^e^ rest of the Selectmen of the Town of Chester Humbly Sheweth

That the y^e^ Prop^rs^ of y^e^ Town of Chester in y^e^ Year 1722— Obtained a Charter for s^d^ Town, which Charter bounded the Said Town on Exeter head bounds which bounds were made Certain in y^e^ Year 1718—by a Grand Com'ittee Chosen for y^t^ Purpose by y^e^ Gen^ll^ Assembly in y^e^ year 1715—as Appears by y^e^ return of Said Comittee in the Secretaries office, but the Clerk that drew up the return of Said Com'ittee made a mistake therein Saying that Exeter Should run ten miles upon a w & b n Line from the North Tree, wheras the Comittees Intent & former Settlement was from the South Tree, as can be made to Appear by Living Evidences & Sundry of y^e^ Gentlemen that were of y^t^ Committee being now alive—and the Select men of Exeter taking advantage of the S^d^ Mistake would move their bounds further up, which would tend to the ruine of the Town of Chester, yo^r^ Petition^r^ therefore Humbly prays that the Said Mistake may be Rectified that no Room may be left for Future Contention between the afores^d^ Towns and Your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Dec^r^ 16^th^ 1726 Clement Hughes

[*Answer of Proprietors of Chester to those of Kingston, 1761.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 175.]

Province of } To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq^r^
New Hamp^r^ } Governor & Commander in chief in and over his

majestys Province of New Hamp^r The Honorable his majestys Council & House of Representatives in Generall Assembly Convend April 23^d—1761

The answer of the Proprietors of Chester in the Province of New Hampshire unto the Petition of Mss^rs Benjamin Stevens and Elisha Swett agents for the Proprietors of Kingston in s^d Province preferred to the General Assembly of this Province April 2^d 1761—

And the Respondents beg leave to say that the Petitioners Suggest that the Respondents have lately raised a Dispute concerning the Bounds between Kingston and Chester and would remove the Westerly Boundarys of Kingston farthar Eastward Now the Respondents say that the said Dispute has been of a long standing and that they the Respondents now are and always have been ready to run the lines between Kingston and Chester, agreeable to the Bounds of Chester Charter and that they do not desire one foot of land More than what is contained within the Bounds of Chester Charter and they would farther observe that was it not for Chester Charter the Respondents apprehend that the Westerly Bounds of Kingston would be near one mile and three quarters More to the Eastward than where the Respondents claim and that they have often desird the Proprietors of Kingston to run the lines between them agreeable to Chester Charter and have no objection to the Bounds between the Said Two Propretys being run and settled agreeable to the Charter of Chester by Persons unprejudiced that understand a Compass and the Running of lines

John Tolford Agent for the
Proprietors of Chester

[*Chester and Kingston.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 179.]

To His Exeneely Bening wintworth Esq^r Governor and Comander in Chiff in and over his maj^ts Province of newhampshire and to the Hon^bl his maj^ts Councel of said Province

The Humble Petition of the Propitors of Chester in said Province most Humbly sheweth

That your Petitionrs on the tenth of may one thousand seven hundred twenty and two obtanied a Charter of this Hon^bl Bord with a grait many velable priveliges too tedous hear to Enumaret

with a grant of a tract of Land set forth in said Charter by sartain metts and bounds but part of said Linds or bounds hath never ben run by order of this Hon^bl Bord Especaly betwin your Petitionrs and Kingstown whereby your Petitionrs hath ben laid under Considerable deficquality which yet subsists

may it therfor Pleas your Excelencey and this Hon^bl Bord to appoint a surver and Chainmen to run and mark out said line acording to the metts and bounds in said Charter and your petitioners as in Duty bound shal ever Pray

Sam^ll Emerson } Comit^ee
Robert Boyes }

At A Meeting of the Proprietors of the town of Chester held at the old meeting house In Chester the fourth Day of march 1745: by adjournment from the fourth Day of December Last past Robert Boyes Esq^r being moderator for s^d meeting

—— amongst other things ——

Voted That Robert Boyes: Sam^ll Emerson Esq^rs and Cap^t John Tolford shall be a Committee to Petition the Governer and Councill for a Committee to be by them appoynted to Run and Settle the Line between Kingstown and Chester agreeable to our Charter—

A true Copy taken out of Chester Proprietors book of Records as attests Sam^ll Emerson Prop^rs Clerk

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[*Dover Petition.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 3, p. 447.]

To The Right Worshipfull The Governour and Magistrates and Deputies of the generall Courte now assembled in Boston

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Towne of Dover. Sheweth,

That whereas your poor petitioners were taken under the government of the Massachusets, by the extent of the line of the patent of the Massachusets: and likewise the people there are accepted, and reputed under the government, as the rest of the Inhabitants within the said Jurisdiction; as also a Committee chosen to bounde our Towne, w^ch accordingly was done, and afterwards confirmed at the generall Courte; as the Acts do more fully declare. Therefore, Wee, your poore petitioners do humbly crave protection in our habitations, & rightes accordinge to the Laws, and liberties

of this Jurisdiction; and likewise, that some order might be taken to restraine such as doe disturbe, and molest us in our habitations, by challinginge us by patent, and threatninge of us, and sayinge, that wee plant upon their Ground, and that wee must give them such rent, (as they please) for cuttinge grass, and Timber, or else, they will take all from us, so by this meanes, the people are many of them disquietted, not onely by the Patent, but also by the threats of Edwarde Colcorde, who, with others, of his pretended owners do reporte, that they have fourteen shares, and that they are the greatest Owners in the Country: w^ch^ Patent, wee conceive (under favour) will be made voyd, if it be well looked into, so hopeinge ever to enjoy protection w^th^in your Jurisdiction, Wee shall ever pray

William Wentworth James Roberts John Godard
William Pomfrett John Damme John [illegible]
The mark ⌊ of Tho layton The mark T of Tho Carey
Y^e^ mark O of Tho welles Y^e^ mark Δ Tho Stevenson
Y^e^ mark ∞ of wm Beard Richard Walderne
Hatevill Nutter Ambrose Gibbons Edward Starbuck
William ffurbur John ault James Hewitt
Jonas Byrns Henry Cut Val: Hill
Richard yorke his mark ℨ Thomas footman
John Bickford The mark S of olever kent
The W mark of matthew Crilles Thomas Beard
The mark X of Henrey lankster john hall
The mark O of James Monker Peter Coffyn
Ralph hall John ⌊ Heards marke
Thomas T N Nocke henry Terbuck (?) Constabell

[*Dover Argument in Relation to Disputed Bounds, not dated.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 50.]

ffor y^e^ settlinge of y^e^ rights & bounds of Dover consider these thinges:

ffirst a purchase from y^e^ Indyans of Lampreele River 1635 too witnesses:

2^ly^ posessesson & use of it by plantinge fishinge, & fellinge of timber too wisneses: 1635. one witnes 1636: & 4^th^ witnes 1637:

3^ly^ when taken into y^e^ goverment of y^e^ bay this was one of y^e^ peculyer agrements y^t^ y^e^ should Injoy all such lawfull libertyes of

fishinge plantinge & fellinge of timber as forformerly 2 booke of lawes title piscattua this was 1641 :

4ly Anno : 1642 in ye old booke nor : 538. by order of generall courte to dover is granted ye liberty wc other townes have & foure comissioners apoynted to settle ye limits yr of

5ly Their is 3 of ye foure comisioners met & agreed & did settle ye boundes of Dover as appr under yr handes uppon wt Dover granted severall propryetys :

6th The boundes of lampreele River was by consent of Dover & exeter men as Captayne wiggins Remembers, & as it appr by ye boundayres for a neck of land is reserved to Exeter on ye Northside of ye River wt is on Dover side :

7ly lampreele River is about 6 miles from Dover about noreast & is alsoe about 6 miles from Exeter southeast as Capt : wigins affrims :

8ly Dover cannot be inlarged as Exeter may, for ye River betwine Kittrey & Dover boundes ym northward & lampreele River & Exeter boundes ym southward, & ye comissioners have bound ym eastward & southward :

9thly Exeter besides yr boundes towardes lampreele River may be inlarged westward & southward, besides yr other limits :

10thly Betwene lampreele River & oyster River Dover hath settled a ministry wc er long is like to bee a towne of it selfe in respeckt of ye accomodation of lampreele River it beinge but about 3 miles between ye too Rivers

11thly ffor Exeter yr purchase of ye Indyans was anno : 1638 : yn ya began to be a towne after ya submited to ye bay Anno 1644 wth out any agrement at all so yt ya are nearely in ye condetion of other townes, but Dover former Rights are confirmed to ym uppon agrement besides ye grants of courte wt were before Exeter submited to this Goverment :

12 the utmost bounds of Dover was the utmost of the bounds of this patent where any towne or person did, then, submitt unto this Jurisdiction

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[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 52.]

The antiquity of the towne of Dover : & ther agreement with this Generall Court & the grant of this court : concerninge the limmits of ther bounds : & the courte appntment of fouer commitioners to laye out these bounds : thereof which fouer did attend the work :

& discharged it acordinge to order & subscribed ther names: further they havinge [illegible] one lamperele Rivver: doth cause us to see meet to grant this petition acording to the limits of the three commitioners: which if the Court so construe & se meet we think this will conduce: to the endinge of divers controversyes as namly Capt wiggins layinge claime to It thereof by patten: as allso a difference of m^r^ Broadstreett & captt wiggins: out ꝑttie & m^r^ Broughton the other ꝑttie 29^r^ 8^r^ anno 1642

Simon willard
with name and with the consent of the rest

In Ans^r^ to A peticon from y^e^ Inhabitants of exetur for a final determination of the Case betweene Dover & Exeter concerninge their bounds about Lamprey River the Court have ordered that m^r^ willm Payne m^r^ Samuel winslye and mathewe Boyce or the Major p^t^ of them shall upon the place appoynt and Lay out the bounds betweene them and Certify this court & the two Townes under their hands what they shall determine Daniel Denison speaker

The magis^te^ Consent hereto

Edw. Rawson Secre'ty

The late lawe about Jurie is Repealed by the whole Court

E R. S.

[*Dover.*]

[Mass. Court Records Sept. 27, 1642.]

The inhabitants of Northam, upon their petition are granted the liberty w^ch^ other townes have; & m^r^ Samu: Dudley, m^r^ W^i^: Paine, M^r^ Winslow, & Mathew Boyse are to settle their limitts.

[*Dover Argument in Relation to Disputed Bounds, May 10, 1643.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 6.]

ffor the setlinge of the Rightes & Bounds of Dover these things are presented to consideration.

1. Swanscoate Patent hath but one of y^e^ Lords of y^e^ Counsell his hande set to it whereas y^e^ other Patent hath y^e^ Handes of all y^e^ Lords.

2 The Patent of y^e^ Messachusets is of Elder date than these Patents, as was confessed by Capt. Wiggin in y^e^ Courte.

3. In case y^e^ Patents were eqall, yet y^e^ ends of them being to plant y^e^ English nation, there is noe reason that by occasion of them, any of them should be displanted or put to pay Rent.

4. Dover is taken under y^e^ Government of y^e^ Messachusetts, as fallinge within y^e^ Extent of their patent, w^ch^ is (as abovesaid) more ancient then y^e^ other patents.

5. Dover in their cominge under y^e^ Governm^t^ of y^e^ Messachusetts had y^e^ Grant of y^e^ same liberties, w^ch^ other Townes in y^e^ Jurisdiction have & therefore have y^e^ Liberty of havinge a Towne shippe as other Townes have.

6. The Court in their aggreement w^th^ y^e^ Patentees allowed them noe Grant but whereas they reserved to themselves such & such portions of Land y^e^ Court onely promised to maintaine their just Rightes.

7 In another Act of y^e^ Courte, it was concluded, that in case y^e^ Patentees would not accomodate y^e^ inhabitants with Land, y^e^ Courte would hold themselves freed from ingagement of any Covenant made w^th^ them.

[*Dover and Portsmouth.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 10, 1643.]

The gentlemen that keepe Co^r^t at Pascataque are desired to view the ground in question, & see if they can compose, & settle things betwen Dover, & Strawberry banck, & if they can not, to certify the Co^r^t how they find things

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[*Dover and Portsmouth.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Sept. 7, 1643.]

Whereas it appears to this Co^r^t that the Commission^r^s appointed to lay out the bounds between Dover, & Strawberry banck did not consider the said Strawberry banck as a towne, nor so exactly veiwed the land on that side the ryver, as was needfull, & thereupon layd out certeine lands to Dover, w^ch^ is most convenient for Strawberry banck, & c^r^teine lands to Strawberry bank w^ch^ is most convenient for Dover, so acknowledged to bee by one of the said Commission^r^s in this p^r^sent Co^r^t

It is therefore finally ordered, that all the marsh and medowe ground lying against the great bay, on Strawberry banck side shall belong to the towne of Dover togeth^r w^th 400 ac^s of upland ground adjoyning, & lying neer to the said meadow, to bee layd out in such a forme, as may be most convenient for the im℔ving & fencin of the said medowe, the remainder of the said ground to belong to Strawberry banck, reserving the due right to ev^ry one that hath ℔prietyes in the same.

[*Dover.*]

[Mass. Court Records, March 7, 1643–4.]

Dover petition &c, the gentlemen who are desired to keepe the court at Pascataq are desired to view, & examine the complaint, & to certify the next co^rt.

[*Dover and Portsmouth.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 29, 1644.]

By order of the last gen^rall Co^rt wee und^rwritten were appointed to heare, & examine the case concerning a certeine quantity of land in question, between the towne of Dover, one the on side, & the inhabitants of Strawberry Banke.

In w^ch case haveing spent much time, & given a free & full hearing to the parties aforesaid wee find, as followeth.

ffirst that the inhabitants of Strawberry Banke do affirme they cannot make a towne w^thout the land in question: also on the other side, it is affirmed by the Church & towne of Dover, that they cannot continue, & subsist, as a Church or towne, w^thout the land in question; so that this argum^t, taken from the necessity of haveing, & enjoying the land in question, lieth equally & in common to them both, under this head many things were pleaded, w^ch wee cannot ground on, unlesse we had veiwed the bounds belonging both to Strawberry banke, & Dover. Secondly we find it is the earnest desire of the inhabitants setled upon the land in question, that they may belong to Dover, in w^ch desire of the inhabitants aforesaid there are two things considerable: 1st that their accesse to the ordinances at Dover is much more easy, & convenient than at the other place; 2^ly that many of the inhabitants aforesaid, are now members of the Church at Dover.

Thirdly we find, that the land in question hath bene a long time planted, & possessed by Dover w^th^out any interruption, or opposition made against them, excepting onely what was done by Capt Neale, whose ꝓceedings therein were illegall, & injurious, as is affirmed by Capt Wiggens.

ffourthly the inhabitantants of Dover do pleade, that the land in question ought not to be taken fro^m^ them by the generall Co^r^t, being theirs by purchase of the Indians, & possession as aforesaid, & because, in the articles of their submission to this governm^t^ (they say) their right in this, & other cases is exp^r^sly reserved:

12^th^ 4^th^ m^o^ 1644

Rich: Bellingham
Rich: Saltonstall

It was ordered, that this returne of the Commission^r^s be entered, & that the land in question between Dover, & Strawberry banke be layd to Dover.

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 26, 1652.]

Itt is ordered that the northerne bounds of Dover shall extend from y^e^ first fall of Newitchewannicke River uppon a north and by west line fower miles.

[*Dover Petition to Have Boundaries Confirmed, 1652.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 44.]

To ye Hon^red^ Courte Now Assembled in boston The humble petetion of Dover sheweth y^t^ whereas sume y^t^ we have formerly betrusted, & have imployed at the generall courtes have negleckted w^t^ we betrusted y^m^ w^th^ & amonge other thinges in a spetiall manner y^e^ recordinge of our towneship accordinge to y^e^ grant of y^e^ sayd courte: we theirfore in y^e^ behalfe of y^e^ aforesayd towne of Dover doe crave this favour y^t^ y^e^ sayd limits accordinge to our grant may be confirmed to us by this Honred courte now Assembled & yo^r^ petetioners shall rest ever ingaged in all humble service to be comm'ed:

20^th^ of 8^th^ (52)

Val: Hill
Richard waldern
in y^e^ behalfe of y^e^ towne of Dover

[*Secretary Rawson's Certificate.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 48.]

Att John Bakers Request I signify that he did his endeavor faithfully to procure the bounds of Dover recorded but the many urgent occac'ons of the Countey were such as that Came not to Issue ℔ Edward Rawson

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[*Report of Committee on Line between Dover and Oyster River, 1729.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries" p. 77.]

Wheras there Was an act of genarall Assembly Dated May y^e^ 14 : 1729 Apointing a Comitee to Settle y^e^ Lines between y^e^ Parishes of Oyster River & the Old Parish of Dover ; & Likewise to Settle a Line between the sd Old Parish & the New District Petitioned for And to Make Return to y^e^ genarall Assembly At their Next Sessions as May More fully appear by said Act—

Wee the Subscribers having bin upon the Place & Viewed y^e^ Same and heard What the Partyes Consarned had to offer Consarning the Settlement of Said Lines ; and we are of Opinion that the Lines for the Devision between Dover Old Parish & the District of Oyster River should begin at the first Rocky Poynt at the Mouth of y^e^ River Caled the back River at a grate Pine tree standing on y^e^ Notherly Side of Said Point : & to Run on a strait Line to the head of Thomas Johnsons Crick Comonly So Caled at y^e^ way that goes over Said Crick and from thence on a west & by North line to y^e^ head of Dover township and that to be y^e^ Settled bounds between the District of Oyster River and the old Parish of Dover—

Wee have Likewise Viewed y^e^ old Parish & the Place Where the Petitioners belonging to the Northeast Part of y^e^ town of Dover Desire to be set of from ; & agree in Our Judgments that they begin at the Mouth of y^e^ Crick Caled fresh Crick & to Run as the Crick Runs to the way which goes Over Said Crick or at the head of the Crick Where the Way goes Over & from thence on a strait line to the Northeast Part of the hill Caled Varnies hill to a White Oke Marked a bout two or three Rod from a Spring & from thence on a Norwest & by North Point of y^e^ Compas to the head of Dover Bounds & all on the Northeastrly Side of Said Line to be set of

for a District according to the Petition and that to be a finall Settlement of their bounds between the old Parish of Dover & the District Petitioned for—and What is a bove Written is the Return of What we have Don According to y^e^ aforesaid Order of Genarall assembly

September y^e^ 10 : 1729

Nath^ll^ Weare, Nich^s^ Gilman, Eph^m^ Dennet } of the Comitee

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[*Fragment of Deposition Relative to Dover Bounds, 1753.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries" p. 153.]

Tree they then marked with many Letters & was then by Them Established & made the Southwest Corner bound tree for said Town of Dover & was accordingly so accepted & allowed by the s^d^ Government for the perpetual Bounds of said Town which was about thirty years Past from this date & the said Deponents being now in the woods by Such a tree & do Declare & say that that tree is the Certain & bound mark'd tree for said Town of Dover that was then made by y^e^ afores^d^ Committe for the Southwest Corner bounds of s^d^ Town & stands between y^e^ s^d^ Town of Dover & Exeter & was there marked for Dover & Exeter by s^d^ Comitty & is known & Called by y^e^ name of the Six Miles Tree & further saith not this 20^th^ Day of Sep^r^ 1753—

Daniel Davis [seal]
Philip Chesley [seal]

men Present at the takin this Deposition were Capt. Jon^a^ Tompson Capt. Benj^a^ Mathes Capt Daniel Rogers John Tasker Capt John^th^ Chesley Jon^a^ Woodman Arc^ls^ Woodman John Follet & Deacon Eb^r^ Smith

Prov^e^ of New Hamp^r^ } Sep^r^ y^e^ 20^th^ 1753 Then y^e^ above named Daniel Davis & Philip Chesley Personally appeared in woods were where the Tree mentioned above Stands before us y^e^ Subscribers two of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for s^d^ Prov^e^ Quorum unus & made oath to the Truth of the above Deposition by them Signed taken in Perpetuam rei Memoriam

Joseph Simpson
Joseph New March
D Peirce

Rec'd & Recorded 18 Ap^l^

Prov^e^ of New Hamp^r^ a true Copy from Lib 44–Fol. 59. Examd this 4^th^ March 1758

D Peirce Red^r^

[*Exeter and Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Sept. 7, 1643.]

Whereas Excetter is found to bee w^th^ in o^r^ patent upon their petition they were received under o^r^ gov^r^nm^t^: and m^r^ Willi: Paine, Mathewe Boyes, & John Saund^r^s are appointed to settle the bounds between Hampton & Excetter w^th^in two months

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[*Exeter Petition to Have Bounds Settled.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 9.]

To the Right Hon^bl^ the Governer the Deputie Governer And the Magistrats, w^th^ the Asistance and deputyes of this honored Court at p^r^sent Asembled In Boston.

The humble petition of the In-habitants of Exeter Who do humbly Request, That this honored Court would be pleased to Appoint the boundes of o^r^ Towne to be Layd out to us, both towards Hampton, and allso downe the Rivore on that side w^ch^ Captaine Wiggons his ffarme Is on. for hee doth Clame all the Land from the Towne downewards, on the one side And Hampton on the other side doth Clame to be so neere us, that we shall not be Able to subsist to be A Towne except this honored Court be pleased to Releeve us. And we suppose that Captaine Wiggons his ffarme and A good way below It may well be Layd within o^r^ Towneship, If this hono^r^ Court so please Allso we do humbly Crave that the Court would be pleased to grant that we may still peaciably Injoye Thouse smalle quantitie of Meddows w^ch^ are att Lamperell River That Dover Men now seeme to Laye Clame too: Notwithstanding they knowe we Longe since purchased them, and allso quietly posest them with theire consent

Likewise we do humbly request that this honr^d^ Court would be plesd to Establish Three Men Amongst us, to put An Ishew to small diferances Amongst Us, And one to be A Clarke of the writes, that so we might Not be to troblesom to the Courts for every small Matter. The Three men w^ch^ we desire for the ending of Controvercies are, Anthony Staniean Samuell Grenefild and James Wall, and we do desire That John Legat may be the Clearke of the writes: Thus Leaveing o^r^ petition to your Judicieous Consid-

eration, and yo^{r} selves to the Lord we Rest, and Remaine ever Ready to do you o^{r} best service.

Samuell X Grinfield	Anthony Stanyan	Thomas wright
nathanal boilten (?)	John C Tedd	Robert hethersay (?)
John Legat	henry Roby	Richard Carver
william mouer	Ralph Hall	X John Bursley
Abraham Drake	Thomas Joames	Nicholas n Swaine
Thomas T King	ffrances g Smaine	James wall
John Davis	Ballthazer willis	
humphery willson	John Smart	

In Ans^{r} to y^{e} peticon we conceave it meete y^{t} y^{e} 3 men menconed therein shall be Authorized acording to their request & a Comitte appointed to lay out their bounds next to Hampton & so Round about them ꝑvided there be no Intrenching on y^{e} bounds of y^{e} pattent of y^{e} Lords & gen^{t} mencioned in the pattent of Swampscoate or on any graunts formerly made to: Dover by this Courte & that John Legat be Clarke of the writts there. The Depu^{ts} desire ou^{r} honnored magis^{ts} concurrance herein

Edward Rawson.

The magistrats doe comply herein & doe nominate m^{r} Dan^{ll} Dudley m^{r} Rawson & m^{r} Carlton a Committee for the laying out the bounds of: y^{t} the Deptyes shall approve y^{t} then.

Jo: winthrop Gov^{r}

Consented to by y^{e} Depu^{ts} Edward Rawson

[*Exeter Petition in Regard to Disputed Bounds, 1645.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 14.]

To the honored Court now Asembled att Boston The humble petition of the Inhabitants of Exet^{r} humbley Requesting that this honored Court would be pleased Not to give Aney grante of the Lands and Meddows w^{ch} lye Neere unto o^{r} Towne of Exet^{r}, And w^{ch} we have peasably Injoyed untill of Late ever since we ware A plantation, unto the Towne of Dover or on the other side unto the Towne of Hampton, untill such time as our tytle unto them be either Adgetated wth the s^{d} Townes or that we have A Legall tryall wth them for the sayd Lands, and that we may then have the boundes of our towne Layd out unto us According as o^{r} Right and tytle shall be found.

2^{ly} yo^{r} petitionors do humbly Request that this honored Court would be pleased to Depute for us Three of theis fower men w^{ch} we do here Nomenate for the eanding of small deferances under Twenty shillings, the men w^{ch} we desire are theis. viz Anthoney Staniean Samuell Grenefild Robert Smith and John Legat or aney three of them as the Court shall think meet we do Lykewise humbly Request that John Legat May be estableshed Clarke of the writes. And theis things we desire and humbly Request for this eand that we may not for every small matter be troblesom to the Courts or to o^{r} selves more than Nesesetie Doth Require: Thus Leaveing our selves wth the Lord and with you: we Rest. this 29th of y^{e} third m^{o} 1645

william moore	Anthony Stanyan	John Legat
nath boulten	Abraham Drake	Nicholas n swaine
henry Roby	henry elkings	Tho: Tebbit
Richard Carver	Robert Booth	humphery will-son

Godpherey D Deerebarn his mark Robart Smith
John X Durffy his marke Thomas Jones his marke
John J Crane his mark

In Ans^{r} to this peticion none Appearing to chalendge any propriety in the medowes wthin mencioned The house of Deputyes think it not meet to medle wth it : but graunt y^{t} John Legatt be the Clarke of the writts there, & that Anthony Staniean, Robert Smith, & John Legat, are appointed for the ending of smale Cawses under twenty shillings for y^{e} next yeere at Exetur & desire o^{r} honnored magis^{ts} to concurre wth them herein

Edward Rawson

The magistrates concurr herein Tho: Dudley Gov^{r}

[*Exeter and Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 6, 1646.]

M^{r} Samu: Dudly, m^{r} Rawson, & m^{r} Carleton ar appointed a Committee to lay out Excetter bounds next to Hampton, & so round about them ꝓvided there be no intrenching on y^{e} bounds of y^{e} lords pattents, & gentlemen mentioned in y^{e} patent of Swampscoate, or in any grant form^{r}ly made to Dov^{r} by this Courte.

[*Exeter Petition for Grant of Meadow Land, 1652.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 39.]

To the honora^bl Generall Court att Boston

The humble petition of the Inhabitants of Exeter, giveing this hon^r Court to understand that wee are excedingly straitned for want of Meddow: And the Indians have Informed us that there are three of fower spots of meddow somthing neere on another About seven or eight miles from o^r Towne westward or norwest from aney other plantation and not yet posest by Aney our humble Request therefore Is that this hono^r court would be pleased to grant It to o^r Towne In regard of our great need of It. And the quantetey of them all is confermed not to exceed one hundred Akers If It be so much And so shall wee Rest thankefull to the hon^r court and as serviceable as we are Able//

The (24) of (3) m^o 1652.

Edward Gilman Sen:
Edward Hilton
Tho Pettie
Thom. Cornish

Edward Gilman Jun:
Jn^o Legat
Nicolas Listen
In y^e behalf of the Rest

The Committy thinke meete the Inhabytants of exeter have ther desire granted to have the abovesd Meddow Confirmed to them ꝑvyded it be not w^th in the Limmits or bounds of any other township: or any other ꝑsons grant

in the name of the Rest
4^th Mon. 1 day 1652

Tho Wiggin
Dan Gookin

The magis^ts Approove of this Retourne of y^e Committee if the Depu^ts Consent hereto

Edward Rawson Secre'ty./

The Deputyes Consent hereto ꝑvided the meddow herein desired exceed not one hundred Acres ꝑvided also it be there to be had

William Torrey Cleric

19 (8) 1652 The Depute Thinke not meete to alter their former Vote

William Torrey Cleric

[*Exeter Petition for Settlement of Line between Exeter and Dover, 1652.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 40.]

To the honorable Generall Court now Assembled att Boston.

The humble petition of the Inhabetants of Exeter who Do earnestly request that this honored court would be pleased to take into yo^r consideration, the poore and meane estate and condition of our p^rsant Plantation, by reson of the straightnes of o^r boundes which at our first Coming to settle there, was A large Trackte of Land, from Oyster River to the falles between Salsberey and Hampton with good store of Meddow and meete Inlargements, fit to make A Towne for subsistance. And all the said Trackte of Land then Lyeing vacant, and no Pattent or persons then Laying Clame to It, as wee could here of but the Indians only: wee the said Inhabetants of Exeter and o^r p^rdesessors, did with A valuable price purchase of the Natives, all that whole trackt of Land, and setled o^r selves att Exeter falls for the conveniancie of the Rivor, And gave out A farme to m^r Whelwrite Nere oyster River: And entended Hampton to be for other farmes. After which purchase of ours, This honored Court, saw It meete to grante out A Towneshipe to m^r Bacheler and the Inhabetants of Hampton: which Towneship of thers Cutt of Almost all our Meddows, That ever sinc wee have bine In An unsettled condition, not being able to subsist as A Towne to keepe aney quantetey of cattle And Dover on the other side Comming so neere us, by Reson of A mistake or ronge Information made unto the commissioners that ware to Lay out there bounds, as m^r Paine and m^r Winslo have said unto us that ware two of the commiso^rs Wee yo^r pore petitioners do therefore, humbly crave the Asistance of this honored Court, under whose protection wee did freely and desirosly tender o^r selves and our Request Is that wee may not bee so straitned either on the on side or other as to disinable us for the maintaineance of the ordinances of god Amongst us and that what mistake there was In the Laying out the line be-twene Dover and us may be Rectifyed, either by A Comittye or determined by this p^rsant honord Court. And altho Lampell River Is Two mile nerer us than the mid way betwene us and dover, and may be as A Naturall bounds betweene us, wee shall be content If the hon^r Court see it meet to determen It to be o^r bounds Althoug we have formerly peasably posest A great way forth But If Lamperell Rivore be taken from us we know

not how to subsist, for we have almost no meddow: but our hoopes of subsistence Is by o^r^ timber and Rivers for saw mills, which dover Is alredey well Accomodated with all, and have set up maney alredey w^ch^ helps forward there publique Charges and we heere that they goo About to take Away Lampell river from us which wee have posest as well as they and built the bridg over the said River with them, and yet now they seeme to Lay Clame to both sides of the said Rivere unles this hon^r^ Court be pleased to Assist us, As we doute not but you will In y^t^ which Is equall and Rite. And so shall wee be inabled, with the blessing of god on o^r^ Labours, to Rayse by our mills such maintenance as may be A meanes to maintaine the ordenance of god Amongst us, and helpe us to defray publiqu charge And so shall wee with o^r^ ℘sones and estates ever be Redey to helpe forward the well being of this Comon welth: and Remaine yours to be Command to our utmost Abilityes //

Exet^r^ the (24) of (3) m^o^ 1652

Edward Gilman senier. — Edward Gilman jun.
Edward Hilton — Jn^o^ Legat
Th^o^ Pettit — Nicolas Listen
Thom. Cornish — In the behalfe of the Rest

The commissioners refeer the answer of this petition: to the answer of Dover petitio^n^

Simon Willard
in the name of the rest

N^o^ 15 Exetur peticon entred w^th^ the magis^st^ & o^r^ Comsd

In answer to this Petition of Exeter in Regard it Respects the Bounds of the towne of Dover, and the Deputy of Dover, who apperd in behalfe of the towne desired further tyme to answer in the cause The Commitee consents the Answer to the petition be Referd the next session of this Court & if dover shall then faile to make their Limmetts clerly appeare; then the petitioners to bee heard & Relived & the court to do herein as shall see cause

4 mo 1 1652

Tho wiggin
Daniell Gookin
in the name & w^th^ Consent of the Rest

The magis^ts^ approove of the Comitees Retourne if the dep^tys^ Consent heereto

Edw Rawson secy

The depu^ts^ Conset hereto

william Torrey Cleric

[*William Paine's Certificate, 1652.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 47.]

These are to certifie, that being one of them deputed by the generall court about 7 or eight yeeres since to Lay out the bounds betweene Exeter and Dover, It was always intended by us that Lamprey river as it naturally runs up in the countrey should be the bounds betweene the said townes: and what Line is recorded, if it prove to give any [illegible] to Dover on the west Syde of Lamprey river it was upon a mistake & utterly beside our intention.

and for the confermation hereof I have put to my hand this 27th of Mey. 1652.

Will Paine

[*Dover and Exeter, 1652.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 3.]

Att A Generall Court held att Boston y^e^ 8^th^ off The 7^th^ month 1652

The Inhabitants of northam Upon their petition are granted the Liberty which other Townes have and M^r^ Samuell Dudley M^r^ william pain M^r^ winslow Mathew boyse Are to settle their Lemytes this is A trew Coppy of y^e^ Court order Edward Reson secretary

wee whose names are under written being appoynted by the generall Court to Lay out The bounds of Dover have thus agreed/ That the Utmost Bounds on the west Is a Creek on the East side of Lamperele River the next Creek to the River and ffrom the End of that Creek to Lamperill River ffirst fall and soe from the first fall on A west and be north Line six miles/ and from nechewanick first fall on A north and be East Line fower miles/ ffrom A Creek next belowe Thomas Canny his house to a Certain Cove near the mouth of the great bay Called the hogstye Cove and all the marsh and meadowe ground Leying and butting on the great bay with Convenient Upland to sett their hay

william Payn
Samuell winslow
Mathew Boys

Att A generall Court held att boston the 19^th^ of october 1652

It is ordered that the northern bounds of dover shall Extend from the first fall of nechewanick River upon a north and be west Line fower milles

Att A generall Court held at boston the 19th of october 1652 in Answer to A Petission from the Inhabitants of Exeter for A finall determination of the Case between Dover and Exeter Concearning their bounds About Lamprill River it is ordered that Mr william Paine Mr Samuell winslow and Mr Mathew Boyse or the Major part of them shall Upon the place appoynt and Lay out the bounds betwen them and sertify this Court and the two townes under their hands what they shall determine this is A true Coppy of ye Court order Edward Rawson Secretary

wee whose names are under written being ordered by the generall Court to settle The bounds betwen the towne of dover and Exetor wee have thus determined and Agreed the Line formerly Laid out shall stand they taking the Poynt from the middle of the bridge one first fall one Lamperill River and so to Rune six miles west and be north butt the Land betwen the Line and The River shall belonge to Exeter they not haveing Liberty to sett up any Mills Exsepting their Right specified one the first fall butt the timber Betwixt the Line and the River shall belong to Dover in such time as they shall see meet to make use of the same to their best Advantiage Provided that Both the townes shall have free Liberty to make use of the River upon all ocations allso Exeter hath Liberty to make use of all the timber half A mile betwen the Line and Lamperill River towards the bridg and one mile betwen the Line and the said River towards the second fall and further Mr Edward Hilton is to have belonging to his mill all the timber within Compass of one mile and a half square if it be to be had betwixt the Line and the River Lamperell This being our full determination the ninth of the first month (53)

william Pain
Samuell winslow
mathew boyse

[*Deposition of Hatevil Nutter, 1652.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 46.]

The Deposicon of hatevell nutter taken the 18. of the 8. month 1652.

the Deponant sayth that in the yere 1636 the land about lamprill River was in the possession of the inhabitants of Dover, on

both sides the River.) both for planting and fishing and feling of timber

hatevill nutte sworne who affirmed upon his oath that the [illegible] was trew sworne before me George Smyth

in the yere 1637 will furbur doth testifie the same about the possising of lamprell River

william ffurburre sworne the 18. of the 8. month (52) whoe affirmed upon his oath that what he doth testifie next above written was trew sworne before me George Smyth

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[*Deposition of John Ault, 1652.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 45.]

The deposicon of John Awlt taken the 18. of the 8. month (52) the deponant sayth that in the yere 1635, that the land about lamprill River was bought of the Indanes and made use of by the men of Dover and my selfe both for planting and fishing and feling of timber

John Awlt sworne before me George Smyth

Richard yorke doth testifie the same above specified

Richard yorke sworne who affirmed upon his oath that what he doth testifie next above written was trew

Sworne before me George Smyth

[*John Negod's Deposition.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 43.]

The Deposition of John Negod

This deponiant Testefieth that he have ofen times craus'd betwin Lamperl River ffales an quonechewanick ffales and it is accountid about teen miels over land: and to goe by Warter about sixten miels or twenty miels: and in this Track of land they have ffouer Rivers that runne doun to met with the Tid wher they have set up ther miels That is to say oyster River which is about ffouer miels from lamperl River: and Belemans bank River about towe miel from oyster River: and about one miel from Belemans bank River to quechoo: and about thre miels from quechoo to quonechewanick which is in al about tenn miels: which if the sayd Lamperel

River as it naturly Runes be the boundes betwein exeter and Dover, the toun of Dover will have ther bredeth about tenn miels, and in lenght they may goe as far as the cort pleas and not to Intrud upon any: and ffurther this deponiant Testefith that whereas Dover hav the privleg of fouer Rivers that Cum doun to the Tid exeter have but towe though they Enjoy lamperl River, that is exetr fales and Lamperel River: and ffurther this deponian Testefith that the ground in dover bounds doe ffare exsed the ground in exeter bounds for ffeeding: for the gretis part of exetr is incumpased with such swamps as is very uncapabel for Ceping of Cattel on the on sied and the cartins fatten on the other sied, exter a skirt of land that lie touerds the half contry that ly Remote from the toune: and a track of land Tourds Lamperl River about a miel in sum places and les in other places and ffurther This deponiant Testefith that m^r^ hilton on of the anchents planters in the River and other Inhabetins doe Live within tow or thre miels of Lamperl River and that ther Cattel have ther feed from lamperl River and ther abouts, And ffurther This deponiant Testefieth thou exetr shold Injoy the one half of the way betwin exetr and hampton yet in his aprihenshon Dover would be the gretr bounds This above writing is the truth to my best aprihenshon

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[*Exeter and Dover.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 26, 1652.]

In Ans^r^ to the peticion of the Inhabitants of exeter ffor a finall determination of the case betweene Dover and exeter concerning theire bounds about lamprey River, Itt is Ordered, that m^r^ w^m^ Payne m^r^ Samuell winsly: and mathew Boyce or the major p^te^ of them shall uppon the place appointe and lay oute the bounds betweene them and Certify this Court and the two Tounes under theire hands what they shall determine

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[*Exeter and Dover.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 18, 1653.]

In Ans^r^ to the peticion of Capt Thomas wiggin for a writt of divicion of the two Pattents of Swampscott The Court Referrs the

divicion thereof untill the yeare 1654. in october, and Orders in the mean time there be a forbearance of falling of wood and timber uppon the lands exprest in y^e^ peticion

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[*Petition of Owners of Swampscott and Dover Patents, 1654.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 3, p. 448.]

To the honnored Generall Court Now assembled at Boston

The homble pettition of Jn^o^ Allen Nicholas Shapleigh Jn^o^ Severins Thomas Lake & Edward Colcott In behalfe of them selves & other the owners of the two pattents of Swamscott & Dover Humbly Sheweth

Wheare as this honnered Generall Court of y^e^ Massachusetts in y^e^ 14^th^ of y^e^ 4^th^ m^o^ 1641 : Covenanted w^th^ George Willye Gen^t^ & others In Behalf of them selves & ℔tners of y^e^ s^d^ pattents. thatt the south pattent of swamscott & one third of y^e^ pattent of Dover should Remane to y^e^ s^d^ owners of the pattents & ther heires for ever & y^e^ sd Court ℔misseth to mayntayn the sd pattenttees In ther Right therin as by y^e^ sd Covenant appeareth

Now yo^r^ homble petitioners Crave thatt this honn^r^ed Court will be pleased to Grant thatt the divission may be made of y^e^ sd Lands according to Covenant made w^th^ y^e^ Pattenttees And yo^r^ petti^rs^ shall pray &c

The Deputyes doe Conceive that the petition^rs^ have another way to atayne theire desires herein Exprest viz^t^ to ℔secute any that shall intrench uppon thir Just righte in a Courte of law in o^r^ Courte of Justice, in reference to the Consent of o^r^ hon^rd^ magis^ts^ hereto

William Torrey Cleric.

6. 1654

The magis^ts^ Cannot Consent to this Retourne but Referr y^e^ peticion to be Considered by y^e^ Committee & both pties Concerned therein to be heard by them. Edward Rawson Secret'y

Consented to by the Deputyes

Wm Torrey Cleric

In Answer to the Petitions of Capt John Allen, &c And the Town of Dover. Wee find by the Records of Court An^o^ (41) that the Pattent on the Southside of the River of Pascataque and one third part of the Pattent of Dover is reserved by the Pattentie^s^ And

allso that mr William Payne and others in Ano (52) were Appointed to set out the limitts of the Town of Dover. Wee therefore conceive it necessarie for this Court to appoint and Impower some uninterressed persons A Comitte at the charge of the parties uppon the place to Examine all Interrests and Actings relating therunto, and to consider some way for the Accomodating all parties according to their Just Interrests And to make returne under their hands to the next Sessions of this Court and that in the meane time the order of Court prohibiting the felling of Timber be duly observed on penaltie of five pounds A tree except for firing and fencing for so many as shall be falled upon the Land which shall be Apporcioned to the sayd Capt Allen and Companie of Pattentees

Humphray Atharton
Thomas Clarke
Eleazer Lusher
Joseph Hills:

The Deputyes approve of the returne of this Committee in answer hereunto ꝑvided the pennallty of five pounds for fallinge of any Tree be left out, and have Chosen mr Joseph Hills, mr Edward Collins, & Capt Eliazur Lusher together with such others as or honord magistrates shall please to nominate to be a Committee impowred to act herein accordinge to this returne

William Torrey Cleric.

The magists Cannot Consent heereto but Refer it to the next Court or sessions of this Court for A finall Ansr when both parties may be present Desiring theire bretheren the Deputs Consent heereto

15 May 1654 Edward Rawson Secret'y

The Deputyes consent to this last returne of or honord magistrates herein ꝑvided that due notice be given to all ꝑsons Concerned herein by warrent from the Secritary, that a finall Issue may be put hereunto at the time appoynted

William Torrey Cleric

The Deputies Desire this Case may be heard & Issued the next fourth day by Eyght of the Clock & desire or honrd magists Consent hereto

Wm Torrey Cleric

[*Petitions Referred.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 3, p. 450.]

To Cap^{t} Jn^{o} Allen Cap^{t} Niccolas shapleigh: m^{r} Jn^{o} Severenes m^{r} Thomas Lake & Edward Colcott.

Yo^{u} are by Virtue heereof Required to take notice that the Gennerall Court hath Referred the Consideration of you^{r} petic'on & the petic'on of the Inhabitants of Dover to the next Gennerall Court or Session of this Court that all parties therein Concerned may Appear there and give in what light they Cann that so the Court have cleare evidenc to proceed to A Just determination

By the Court Edward Rawson Secret'y

Boston 15th may 1654

[*Exeter and Dover.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 23, 1655.]

In Answer to the pet. of M^{r} Tho: Lake in the behalfe of himselfe & p'no^{rs} for a Devision of the land at squamscot and Dover, It is ordered that m^{r} W^{m} Bartholomew, m^{r} samuel Winslow & m^{r} samuel Hall are hereby appoynted & empowred as a Committee to goe to Squamscott & according to the pattents thereof & this order, to make a Just devision of that of Squamscott only: & that which hath reference to Dover be respited untill another time makinge a returne of what they doe to the Court of Election for Confirmation

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[*Exeter and Dover.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 13, 1655.]

In Ans^{r} to the peticion of Thomas Lake & ꝑtners m^{r} w^{m} Bartholomew m^{r} Sam: Winsly & m^{r} Sam: Hall are heereby Appointed & Impowred by this Court as a Comittee to go to Swampscott only at present & According to the Pattent thereof & the order of this Court made 18th May 1653 make a Just divicion thereof and make Retourne of what they doe to the Court of Election for Confirmation, And that w^{ch} hath reference to Dover is Respitted untill Another time:

[*Division of Swampscott Patent.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 14, 1656.]

we, whose names are here subscribed, according to An order of the Honnored Gennerall Court in November 1655, Appointing us to make a just divicion of the Pattent of Quampscot doe thus make our Retourne. when wee came to peruse the Pattent wee found it to extend for the length of it from the lower part of the River of Pascataquake on the south side of the said River, unto the falls of the said River at Exiter and for breadth Along the said River three miles from the falls of the head line for the breadth of it, w^ch^ head line wee Runne uppon a southeast point of the Compass w^ch^ ended three quarters of a mile beyond Aspe brooke toward Hampton about forty Poles below the Highway where wee marked a great Red oake on fower sides. 2ly. from the said Head line wee measured for the length uppon the North east Point of the Compass sixe miles and a half the w^ch^ extended to that part of the bay neere winiconot River. 3^ly^ wee also measured a second Crosse line for breadth, beginning at Quampscot howse, extending it three miles upon the southeast point where wee did marke Severall Pine trees./ The Rest of the land belonging to the Pattent above and below the great bay wee understood to be Impassable (as to measuring) by Reason of the exceeding thicke Swamps but wee took the best Informacion we might of divers and severall Inhabitants of the great bay and of strawbery bancke, and theire reports agreed, viz. that from the lower part of the bottom of the bay nere to Cap^t^ Cham℘noones howse to the River neere the boyling Rocke, or thereabouts all the necke of land w^th^in that line unto the little bay, conteyning as neere as men of best experienc can Informe us about fower miles square, being all w^th^in the Patent: And whereas from the easterly part of the great bay being a part of the River, wee should have measured three miles into the land wee finde in that place by Credible Informacion the land so narrow to the seaward, that wee cann Allowe no more according to the Intent of the Pattent as wee understand it, then one mile & halfe to be Runn from each point of the bottome of the bay uppon an Easterly line into the land To the matter of Service Appointed unto us by the Gennerall Court concerning devission of the Pattent wee finding the present Ownors to be of three sorts or Rancks, wee have therefore Agreed to make three Severall devissions. The first divicion being eight shares ond one quarter, belonging to m^r^

Nathaniell Gardiner, m^r^ Thomas Lake and partners wee Assigne and lay out unto them all the land from bloody Point unto the Boyling Rocke for breadth or thereabouts and for length extending to the lower lyne of the middle divicion which is about forty Pole from Sandy Point And so the lyne Runing south east three miles into the land, as also the land lying uppon the bottom of the great Bay being or extending one mile & a halfe from every part of the bottom of the bay uppon an easterly lyne into the woods In which divission all the land and marish graunted unto Dover by the Gennerall Court shallbe and remaine to them forever the land from Kennys Creeke to a Certaine Cove nere the mouth of the great bay Called Hogsty Cove, w^th^ all the marish from that place round about the bay up to Cotterills Delight, with fower hundred acres of upland, as it is graunted by the Court bounded laid out and Possessed by the Inhabitants of Dover with fivety Acres of upland more about or nere the great Bay w^th^ fivety acres to be laid out and disposed of by Capt^n^ Richard Walderne to some of the Inhabitants of Dover whom he sees fitt. The Second devission being eight shares and one quarter belonging to Capt. Thomas wiggin and partners who have purchased & obtained the same wee Assigne and lay out three miles square begining at a Plumpe of trees standing on a peece of old Planting land about forty Pole belowe Sandy Point and up the River uppon a streight line towerds Exitur the River being the bounds of it on the Northside and at each end to runne a line uppon the south east point of the Compass three miles into the land there to bound it on that side: Provided that Capt Thomas Wiggins pay unto the other two thirds the somme of sixty six pounds thirteene shillings and fower penc according to theire shares and proporcions in Boards w^th^in six month if Demaunded which he is to pay at either of his sawemills in Pascataquack River. 3^ly^ To the third divicion being eight shares and one quarter belonging to the Shrewsbery men to w^ch^ wee Assigne & lay out all that land from the uppermost line of the midle divicion to the mouth of the Creeke called m^r^ Wheelwrights Creeke the same to Runne three miles towards Hampton uppon a South East line all the land betweene this line & exitur falls to the full extent of the line to lye to exeter being graunted to them by deed of guift from Capt wiggin sole Agent for the Company. The Court doth Allow and Approove of this Retourne of the Comittee as is above written:

[The above is again entered, May 15, 1656.]

Propposicions to the Gennerall Court at Boston the 22^th^ 3 m^o^ 1656 for setling and fully ending the long continued differences

betweene the Patentees of Quampscott and Dover and the Neighboring Tounes &c as followeth. 1 for the furtherance of the same Capt[n] Thomas Wiggins & Thomas Lake do freely surrrender & give up all theire Interest title & claime in the lands of the Pattent called winnicahanat or Hiltons pointe unto the Inhabitants of the Toune of Dover forever excepting all the lands & Howses which the ownors Improoved at Dover In their planting feilds which is about sixteene acres more or lesse which Remaines to the said Ownors theire heires and Assignes for ever. 2[ly] That the Court Graunts and Gives unto the third devission of Quampscott laid out to m[r] Nathaniell Gardiner, Thomas Lake & partneres of that divicion eight thousand two hundred and fivety* Acres of land to be laid out to them or theire Assignes either to them together or to each part or Share one thousand acres there being eight shares and a quarter in y[t] Divicion.

3. That a memorandum be kept that the charge expended about this divicion hath binn twenty pounds

4[ly]. Whereas In the first divicion laid out to m[r] Gardiner & Thomas Lake there is much lands in the Possession of strawbery bancke which is Still in differenc That the Court will Impowre some Comissioners w[th] full power to end all differences whatsoever betweene the said Toune of strawberry bancke and owners as also Betweene Hampton & them the said Owners of the first Divicion :

Signed Thomas wiggin
Thomas Lake

The Courte judgeth it meete to Accept the surrender here exprest and doe Graunt the Peticioners fower thousand one hundred twenty & five Acres w[th] what els is desired in their surrender And Orders that majo[r] william Hawthorne m[r] william Bartholomew and m[r] Sammell Hall shall and heereby are Impowred and Authorized by the Gennerall Court as Comissioners to treate w[th] the Inhabitants of Hampton & strawbery bancke & on a full hearing to determine and Conclude what they Judge meete to be given by the Tounes and Accepted of by the persons and make theire retourne to the next Court who are to be Allowed for theire paines at the charg of the parties :

* This section is again entered May 22, 1656, and the amount is given as 4125 acres.

[*Exeter.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 15, 1667.]

In Ans^{r} to the petition of the Inhabitants of Exiter humbly craving the favour of this Court to grant them an Enlargement on the backside of their Toune west & by north tenn miles and that m^{r} wiggin dwelling in Swampscot may Contribute to the publicke maintenance of the ministry here Itt is ordered that Cap^{t} Richard Walderne Cap^{t} Robert Pike & m^{r} samuell Dalton as a Comittee shall & hereby are appointed to veiw the land desired by the peticioners & make their report to the next Court & as for that part of their petition referring to Swampscot the Court referrs them to a former order of this Court

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[*Petition of John Gilman of Exeter, 1668.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 186.]

John Gillman of Exetter on y^{e} behalfe of the sayd toune is bould Humbly to Motion to this Much Honourd Court that thay woold please to take into Consideratio^{n} the Cause of Exetter in Reference to y^{e} Confirmation of o^{r} touneship with y^{e} bounds of it yo^{r} honnord Court May please to Rememb^{r} y^{e} petition which was assented to by y^{e} house of deputys but past Not with ye honourd Majestrats: therfore My suplicatio^{n} is that this Honoured Court will please to Carry on y^{e} Matter that wee May by them bee Confirmed in that which wee Humbly Conceive to bee o^{r} Just Right as a touneship: o^{r} Resons are (1) our purchase of y^{e} Natives (2) o^{r} paying Rates & all charges heer as also our Willing [illegible] & submission to the Massathusets government all which (wee Question Not) will Move this honourd Court soe to take Care of us as a touneship that wee may be incorraged to o^{r} duty in Matters publike. by that which Confirms us to be poseest of as above (viz) the Establishment of o^{r} toune bounds by the authoritie of the Honoured Generall Courte: I submit Myself to yo^{r} wise & Considerat Resolution I subscribe My selfe yo^{rs} in all duty:

this 30th Aprill 1668— John Gillman
as imployed by the said Towne

I John Wheelwright pasto^{r} of y^{e} church att Salisbury doe testifie y^{t} when I wth others first came to sitt downe at Exiter, we pur-

chased of y^e^ Indians to whom (so farr as wee could learne) y^e^ right did belonge a certaine tract of land about thirty miles square to runne fro^m^ Merimack river eastward & so up into y^e^ Contry of w^ch^ [tract] wee had a grant in writing signed by them

John Wheelwright

April 15 1668 M^r^ Edward Colcord testifieth to all above written & farther saith y^t^ on [torn] therly bound mentioned in o^r^ agreem^t^ w^th^ wehohnonowett y^e^ cheife Sagamore [torn] y^e^ westerly point of Oyster River called by y^e^ Indians shankhassick which [torn] —ut fower mile northerly beyond Lampereele River:

Wee y^e^ abovesd wittnesses doe farther testifie y^t^ they of y^e^ towne of Exiter di—[torn] of & possess divers parcells of lands about Lamperell river by y^e^ virtu of o^r^ [torn] before such time as it was actually taken in by y^e^ Jurisdicc'on of y^e^ Massechusetts [torn] interuption of Dover or any other

Mr. Sam: Dudley doth testifie y^t^ hee did see y^e^ agreem^t^ in writing between [y^e^] towne of Exiter & the Sagamores for that land w^ch^ is above Mentioned [torn] Sagamores hands to y^e^ same: Sworne before y^e^ Court held at Salisbury y^e^ 14^th^ 2^d^ m^o^ 1668

Tho: Bradbury [torn]

This is a true Copie of o^r^ originall now on file w^th^ ye Courts Records as attests

Tho: Bradbury rec^d^

[*Exeter.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 27, 1668.]

Wee, whose names are here unto subscribed being Appointed by the Honoured Generall Court to view & Consider of the bounds of the Touneship of Exetur & to make returne to the next sessions of the Court two of us having taken a survey of the lands about their Toune & the bounds of other Tounes adjacent wee whose names are under written doe judge that the bounds of the toune of Exetur shall extend northward to Lamperele River & from the first fall in Lamper Eele River sixe miles upon a west & by North line adjoyning to Dover bounds as they are laid out & Confirmed & then two miles further upon the same point of the Compas, that to be their North bounds & from the ffoote of exetur falls by the present Greist milne a mile & a halfe due South to Hampton bounds & from that South point to runne upon a west & by north line tenn miles

into the woods adjoyning to Hampton bounds that to be their south bounds & so from the end of that line upon a streight line over the land to meete w^th^ the other line on the north y^t^ extendeth from Dover bounds that to be their head line westward; & Quampscot patent to be their east bounds.

by us— Samuell Dalton
Dated y^e^ 8^th^ of the 8 m^o^ 1667. Richard Walderne

Though I Could not by reason of streightnes of time make a full veiw of all the lands above mentioned yet from what I doe know of it together w^th^ that Information that I have had of those that doe well know of the quality of the rest of the land doe Judge that the bounds above mencioned may be Just & Reasonable & doe Concurr in Subscription

Rob^t^ Pike

In Answer to the desier of John Gilman in behalfe of the Toune of Exetur for setling the bounds of their Toune it is Ordered that Exetur bounds be stated & setled according to the above Returne of m^r^ Richard Walderne m^r^ Samuell Dalton & Cap^t^ Robert Pike who were appointed a Comittee by y^e^ Generall Court the 8^th^ of the 8 m^o^ 1667, Provided that all pine trees fitt for masts w^ch^ are twenty fower Inches diameter & upwards w^th^in three foote of the Ground that grow above three miles from their meeting house where it now stands in any place wi^th^in the bounds of the said Toune are hereby reserved for the publick and if any person or persons shall presume to fall doune any such pine tree fitt for masts he or they shall forfeit tenn pounds for every tree the one halfe to the Informer & the other halfe to the publicke treasury of the Countey Provided also that this grant unto the Toune of Exiter shall not Infringe m^r^ Samuell Symonds in his grant of two hundred & fifty acres of land formerly granted—

[*Petition in Regard to Exeter Bounds 1701.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 33.]

To the honourable The Leiutenant Governour and commander in cheife and the council.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, select men of the town of Exeter, do in the behalfe of the inhabitants of s^d^ town humbly petition, that your honours would grant that the bounds of our township may begin at brandy rock and run from thence on

a direct line to the south-East corner of a parcel of meadows com-'only called the temple, (which the inhabitants of Exeter have possessed near sixty years;) and from s^d^ corner of meadow on a direct line to Ass brook tree; we earnestly desire your honours would please to grant this request of your honours humble petitioners—

Exeter, Sep^t^ 9^th^ 1701: Theophilus Dudley
Simon Wiggin
Nicklis Gilman
John Gilman
Select men

12^th^ 7^br^ 1701 read at the Councill Board who Sayth that there is already Added to their Towne Bounds a considerable tract of Land from Wheelwrights Creek to Walles Cove and Soe upon a S^o^ & B' E^t^ line to Hampton Bounds with w^ch^ they ought to be Satisfied Cha: Story Secretary

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[*Petition from Selectmen of Exeter about Exeter Head-Line, 1722.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 65.]

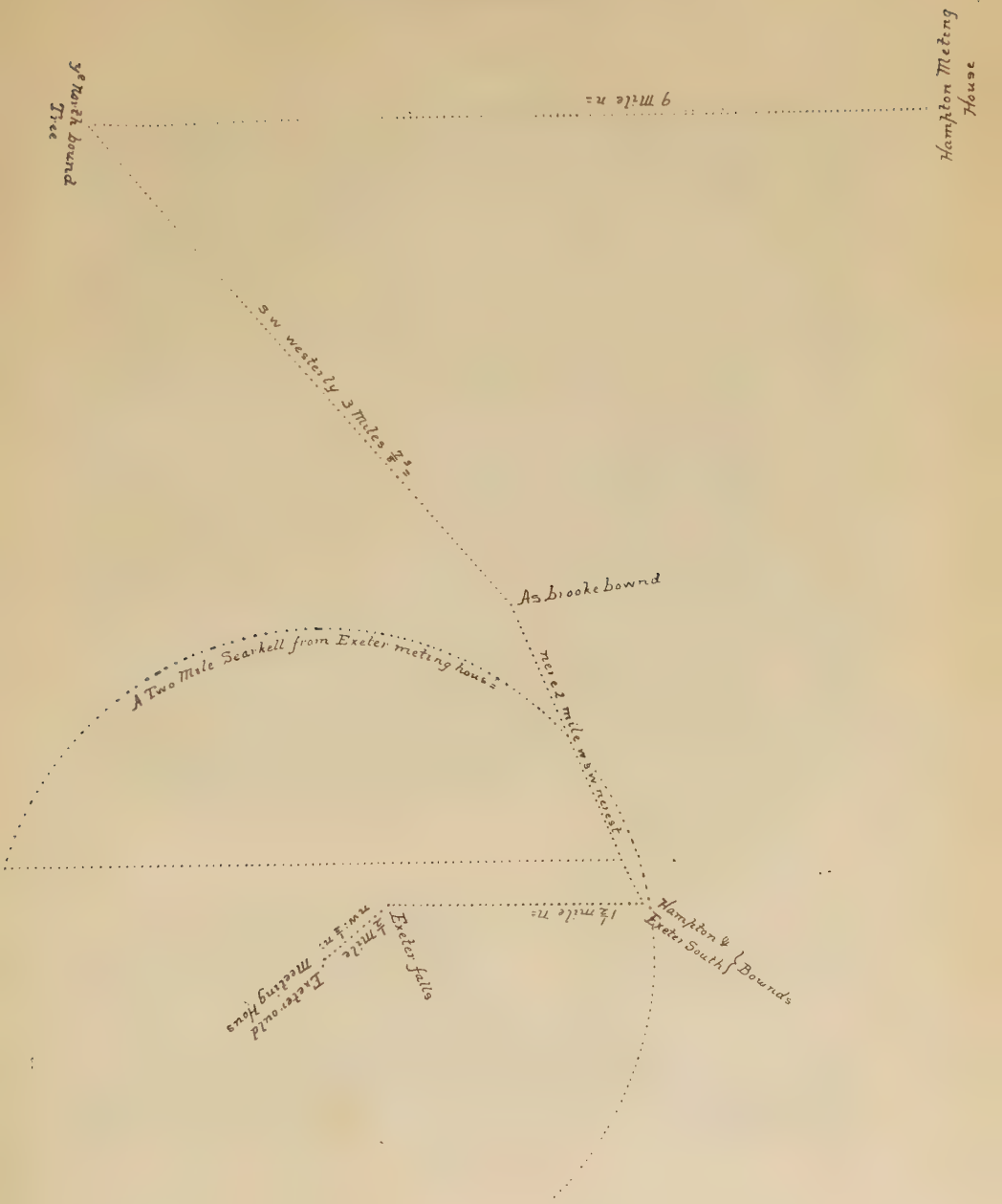
To the Hon^ble^ Jn^o^ Wentworth Esq^r^ L^t^ Govern^r^ and Com'and^r^ in Cheif in and over His Maj^ties^ Province of New Hamp^r^ And the Hon^ble^ the Councill of s^d^ Province—

The Humble Petition of the Select Men of the Town of Exeter within Said Province—Humbly Sheweth

That the Head Line of the Said Town of Exeter is as yet unsetled, and there being New Towns granted at the Head of Said Town of Exeter, Your Petitioners humbly pray that a Comittee be appointed to Run and Settle the s^d^ line between the Said Town of Exeter and the two new Towns adjoyning thereto, viz^t^ Chester & Nottingham which will prevent Trouble & Difference which Else hereafter may Arise for want of the s^d^ Settlement And yo^r^ Petitioners will as in duty bound Ever pray

Portsm^o^ Oct^r^ 30^th^ 1722 Sam^ll^ Thing
Jerami Connor
James Leavit
Edward Hall
Nicoles Gorden

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 110.]



[*Report of Committee on Exeter Lines, 1742.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 127.]

province of } We the Subscribers being appointed a Com-
Newhampsher } ity by y^e^ Generall Assembly at their Last Session Sep^t^ y^e^ 17^th^ 1742 to Run and mark out y^e^ Boundary Lines Betwen Exeter old parish and Newmarket and Betwen Exeter old parish and Brintwood

Accordingly we have Run and marked out Said Boundary Lines as follows

Begining at Exeter Solt River on y^e^ South Side of Mag^r^ Nicolas Gillmans farme agreable to a vote of y^e^ Town of Exeter for a Dividing Line betwen S^d^ Exeter and Newmarket And from Said Solt River Runing W N W four miles Betwen Exeter old parish and Newmarket to a Elme tree marked on four Sides And from s^d^ Elme tree Runing South betwen Exeter old parish and Brintwood Crossing patucawoy Road Between m^r^ Nathaniel Websters Hous and m^r^ Judkenses Hows Leaving s^d^ Websters Hows on y^e^ west and s^d^ Judkenses on y^e^ Est Continueing s^d^ South Corce to Exeter fresh River to a Stone fixte in the Ground 34 Rods South 77 Deg^rs^ Este from a Rock at y^e^ tail of pick pocket mill so Colld And from the afore Said Stone Runing up s^d^ fresh River half a mile to a alme tree marked on four sides and from s^d^ alme tree Runing South to a Large Rock on Exeter Grate hill so col^d^ in y^e^ Highway y^t^ Leads from Exeter to Kingstown neere y^e^ Boundary Line betwen Exeter and Kingstown whare s^d^ Highway parts one Highway Leading to Kingstown the other to whitepine plain so col^d^ And this Return we make this 30^th^ Day of September 1742 with a plan of y^e^ above written Lines

Ichabod Robie }
John Sanburn } Comity
Nath^ll^ Henley }

In the House of Representatives 9^r^ 25^th^ 1742 the above Return was Read: and Voted Accepted

James Jeffry Cle^r^ Ass^m^

Province of New Hamp^r^ November 25^th^ 1742—
The within Vote of the House Read & Concurrd
Theodore Atkinson Sec^ry^

Eodem Die Assented to B Wentworth

[*Bound-Mark between Dover and Exeter, 1750.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 153.]

1750 May 29th the Committees Which was Chosen by Dover Durham nottingham Barrington and Rochester for to Settle Dover head line Met at the Red Oak which was formerly Stated and fixd By the Committee Chosen By the General Court—Which Lieut Robert Burnum and Mr Daniel Davis made Oath Before Saml Smith Esqr Joshua Pierce Esqr Peter Gilman Esqr Three of his Majesties Justices of Peace That they seen said Committee State & Fix Said tree for the Bound mark Between Dover & Exeter By Cutting the Letter D for Dover & the Letter E for Exeter all Which the Said Lieut Robert Burnum & Mr Daniel Davis appeared Personally & made Oath that the Seen the Committee Mark Said Tree—

Samuel Smith Esqr
Joshua Pierce Esqr
Captain Jonathan Chesle
Capt Kate
Mr Ebenezer Smith
Edward Hall Esqr
Capt Jonathan Thomson
mr Tasker
Mr John Mackmath
Committee

[*Hampton and Colchester.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 13, 1640.]

mr Edward Woodman, mr Willi: Paine, & mr Thom: Nelson are appointed to viewe, & settle the bounds between Hampton and Colechester, & to make return to the courte.

[*Hampton and Colchester.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 7, 1640.]

Wee, whose names are under written according to the order of the generall court, have taken viewe of the bounds of Hampton, & Colechester, according to or best light by or discovery, & frome information of both the townes, wee judge it most equall that the line begining at Hampton ryver mouth, runing from thence, so as to leave mr Bachilers farme layde out in Hampton bounds, & from

[Mss. "T
Exeter
6 miles
East Line
Land
Swamp and meadowground more often than not overflown
Branches
a marked tree of Dover Line
W. 4 deg. N. Six miles
Patascick Brook
Patascick River
Patascick River
Exeter and Dover alias Durham Line
Lamprey Eel River
the Picked Rock
the falls called Sam's falls
the Corner tree
South Line S
This plan is Drawn by a Scale of four Inches and three quarters to a mile

aries," p. 228.]

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Simons his Grant in Durham
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Septemb^r^ 24, 1640

Thom : Nelson
Willi : Paine
Edward Woodman :/

[*Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 13, 1651.]

Itt is Ordered by this Court that M^r^ Samuell winslow M^r^ W^m^ Paine M^r^ Samuell Hall and M^r^ Thomas Bradbury or any three of them shall be comissioners to lay out the northermost line of Hampton toward Pascataqe River.

[*Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 22, 1651.]

Its Ordered by this Court that M^r^ Samuel winslow m^r^ w^m^ Payne m^r^ Samuel Hall & M^r^ Thomas Bradbury shalbe Commissiono^rs^ or any three of them to lay out the Northermost line of Hampton towards Pascataq : River

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[*Hampton and Exeter.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 14, 1651.]

Uppon the request of the Inhabitants of Hampton M^r^ Samuel Winslow m^r^ Tho : Bradbury & Leiu^t^ Pike or any Two of them are appoynted Commissiono^rs^ to Lay out the west End of their Toune Line towards Exeter ℔vided, that Exeter have timely notice of the time when it is to be done to the end they may have Lib^r^tie to make theire objections which s'd Commissiono^rs^ shall make returne thereof to the next courte of Election

[*Bounds of Hampton, 1652.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 1.]

Att a Generall Courtt Held att Boston 26th may 1652

The Courtt Approved of the Com'itties Returne Here Under written Respecting the north line of Hampton bounds so as itt Intrench nott on any fformer Grantts Wee whose names are Here Under written being appointed by ye Generall Courtt to lay outt ye northermost line of Hampton Bounds towards pascataway have Determined thatt the north line shall Extend five mile from Hampton Meeting House & from thence Upon an East line to the sea, and with the westerly line Untill they Come within two miles of Exeturs presentt meeting House, and the Rest of the line which is to Extend as fare as Salisburie Bounds wee leave to further Consideration Syned Samuel Winslow Samuel Hall Tho Bradbury

Thatt this is a true Copie taken outt of ye Courtts Records Attests

Edward Rawson Secretry

This is a true Coppie Com'pared by me

Samuell Dalton Com'issnr

[*Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 27, 1652.]

Mr Thomas Bradbury mr Samuell Winslow & Samuel Hull, beinge appoynted as Commissionors to lay out the Northermost Line of Hampton Boundes towards Pascataq have determined that the North Line shall extend five miles from Hampton meeting house & from thence uppon an East Line to the sea, & with the westerly Line untill they come within Two miles of Exeter p'sent meetinge howse, & the rest of the Line which was to extend as farr as Salsbury boundes they left to further consideration, Subscribed, wth there hands. 6:8:51.

The Court haveing ꝑused this returne of the commissionors approve of what they have done respecting the laying out of the bounds of Hampton aforesd ꝓvided it intrench not on any former graunt mr Samuel Winslow mr Thomas Bradbury & Leiut Robert Pike being appoynted to Lay out the west end of Hampton Bounds uppon theire request have liberty graunted them till the next session of this court to accomplish the court order therein

[*Hampton and Exeter.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 30, 1651.]

Uppon the request of y^e^ Inhabitants of Hampton M^r^ Samuel winslow M^r^ Thomas Bradbury, and Left Rob^t^ Pike or any two of them are Appointed Comissioners to lay out the west end of their Toune Lyne towards Exetur and to make Retourne thereof to the next Court of Eleccion Provided Exetur have timely notice of the time when it is to be donne to y^e^ end they may have liberty to make their objeccions

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[*Hampton.*]

[Mass. Archives, Vol. 112, p. 42.]

Att a Generall Court of Election the 26^th^ May 1652
It is ordered that Samuell Winsley Thomas Bradbury and Robert Pike shall have further Libertie to lay out the West end of Hampton bounds till the next Sessions of this Court
This is a true Coppie taken out of the Court Record
℔ Edward Rawson Secre'ty

This not being done the Deputyes think meet to give the commission^rs^ time to lay the out s^d^ bounds till the court of Election & desir o^r^ hono^r^ magis^ts^ Consent hereunto
William Torrey Cleric

Consented to by the magis^ts^ Edw Rawson Secre'ty

[*Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 31, 1652.]

Itt is ordered, that Samuell winsly, Thomas Bradbury and Robert Pike shall have further libertie to lay out y^e^ west end of Hampton bounds, till y^e^ next sessions of this Courte.

[*Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 26, 1652.]

Itt is Ordered, that Samuell winsly Thomas Bradbury and Robt Pike shall have further liberty as a Committee to lay out the west end of Hampton Bounds till the next Court of Election

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[*Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 31, 1652.]

The Court Approoves of the Comittees Retuorne heereunder written Respecting the north lyne of Hampton bounds so as it Intrench not on any former Graunt Wee, whose names are heereunder written being Appointed by the Gennerall Courte to lay out the northermost line of Hampton bounds towards Pascataquake have determined that the north line shall extend five miles from Hampton meeting howse and from thence uppon an East line to the sea and wth the westerlie lyne untill they come wthin two miles of Exciters present meeting house and the rest of the line which is to extend as farr as Salisbury bounds wee leave to farther consideration.

Samuell winslow
Samuell Hall
Tho: Bradbury

[*Bounds of Hampton, 1653.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 7.]

Att a Generall Court held att Boston the 18th of may 1653
It is ordred that Mr Samuel Winslow Mr Thomas Bradbury and left Robert Pike Shall Have ffother libertie to lay out ye west End of Hampton Bounds till ye next session of this Court This is a tru Copie of ye Court order Edward Rawson Secretary
Vera Copia as it stand Recorded in Hampton Towne Booke Attest
Henry Dow Clerke

[Entered in Mass. Court Records, May 18, 1653.]

Att a Generall Court Held att Boston ye 30th August 1653:
In Answer to the request of the deputie of Hampton It is Ordered

that the return of the Comissioners appointed to lay the west End of Hampton bounds Shall be recorded which this Court approves of and is as ffolowith

Wee Whose names are here under Written being Chosen by y^e^ Generall Court to lay out the West End of Hampton Bounds upon our best informatione Have Concluded that y^e^ West Line shall runne ffrom the Extent of the line fformerly agreed upon to Come within two miles of Exeter Meeting House upon a direct line to that part of Ass Brooke Where the Highway goes Over And ffrom thence upon a direct line So as to leave Exeter ffalls a mile and a half due north of the same and ffrom thence upon a west and be North line as ffarr as the utmost Extent of Salisbury That was we intend the ffall att the Towne Bridg: Samuell Winslow Thomas Bradbury Robert Pike

This is a tru Copie taken out of the Courts Booke of Records as Attest

Edward Rawson Secretary

Vera Copia as it stand Recorded in Hampton Towne Booke
As attest Henry Dow Clerke

[*Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Aug. 30, 1653.]

M^r^ Samuell Winsley m^r^ Tho: Bradbury & m^r^ Robt Pyke being Chosen by the gen: Court to lay out the west ends of hampton bounds uppon their best information have Concluded That their west Lyne shall run from the extent of the Lyne formerly agreed on to Come within two miles of Exeter meetinge howse uppon a Direct Lyne to that pt of Alse brooke where the high way goes over & from thence uppon a direct Lyne so as to leave Exeter ffalls at y^e^ towne bridge a mile & a halfe due north of the same, & from thence uppon a west & by north Lyne as far at the uttmost extent of Salsbury bounds that way Their names were subscribed.

[*Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Sept. 10, 1653.]

In Ans^r^ to y^e^ Request of the deputy of Hampton Itt is ordered

that the Retourne of the Comissioners Appointed to lay out the west end of Hampton bounds shall be Recorded which this Court Approoves of & is as followeth Wee whose names are heereunder written being chosen by the Gennerall Court to lay out the west end of Hampton bounds uppon o^{r} best Informacion have Concluded that the west line shall runne from the extent of the line formerly Agreed uppon to come wthin two miles of Exitur meeting howse uppon a direct line to that parte of Asse Brooke where the high way goes over and from thence uppon a direct line so as to leave Exitur Falls a mile & halfe due north of the same and from thence uppon a west & by north line as farr as the utmost extent of Salisbury bounds that way, wee intend the falls at the Towne bridge.

Sam : Winsley
Tho^{s} Bradbury
Robert Pyke

[*Hampton and Salisbury.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 23, 1655.]

Whereas there hath bin a diffrence between Hampton & Salsbury about Running of the Line betwixt them according to the Returne It is therefore Ordered that m^{r} Edward Woodman & Mathew Boyce are appoynted a Committee & Impowred to goe on the place & determine the way of explanation where the direct Line shall Run betwixt them & what shalbe done by them or any two of them to be returned under their hands to this Court in May next w^{ch} shalbe a final issue betweene them

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[*Hampton and Salisbury.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 13, 1655.]

Whereas there hath binn a difference betweene Hampton and Salisbury about runing the line betwixt them according to the Retourne Itt is therefore Ordered that m^{r} w^{m} Paine m^{r} Edward Woodman and m^{r} Mathew Boies are Appointed a Comittee & Impowered to goe on y^{e} place and determine by way of explanation where the direct line shall runne betweene them and what shall be donne by them or any two of them : retourned under theire hands to this Court in may next shall be a finall Issue betweene them :/

[*Hampton and Salisbury.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 14, 1656.]

In Answer to the petition of the Toune of Hampton ffor more full sattisfaction and for prevention of further discord betweene the Tounes of Salisbury & Hampton It is ordered that m^r^ Samuell Dudley w^th^ the former Comittee or any two of them shall Againe Consider of the Case and heere the Allegations of both parties and present a retourne with a Plat drawne & signed by Some Artist at the next session of this Court with theire full determination & explanation of the line betweene the said Tounes y^e^ Chardg thereof to be borne by Hampton:

[*Hampton and Salisbury.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May, 1656.]

In answer to the petition of the Towne of Hampton for Settleinge of the boundes betwixt them and Salsbury This Court orders for a more full satisfaction & p^r^venting of further discord between the Townes That the former Committee or any Two of them Together w^th^ m^r^ Dudley doe agayne Consider of the Case & here the Alegations of both ℔tyes & p^r^sent a returne with a plat drawne & signed by som Artist at the next session of this Court with their full determinatio^n^ & explanation of the line between the sd Townes & the Charges to be borne by Hampto^n^ only

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[*Hampton and Salisbury.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 14, 1656.]

There having bin heretofore an order of this Court appoyntinge severall commission^rs^ to settle the bounds betweene Hampton & Salsbury which is not yet effected the sd Commissiono^rs^ not appearinge that a finall Issue may be put thereunto this Court doth appoynt Cap^t^ Brian Pendleton m^r^ George Gittens Robt Lord & ensign Howlett or any three of them, to settle all differences between the two townes in reference to their bounds according to the last order of this Gen^ll^ Court makeing their returne to the next Courte of election

[*Hampton and Salisbury.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 6, 1657.]

In answer to the pet. of the Inhabitants of Salsbury, in refference to the settling of the bounds between Hampton & them the Court hath Nominated Lieu^t^ John Applton m^r^ Joseph Metcalfe & m^r^ W^m^ Bartholomew of Ipswich Nic^o^ Noyce & Daniel Pearce of Newbery who are hereby empowred as Commissio^rs^ to act in this case according to former orders of Court & whatsoever they or y^e^ majo^r^ pt of them shall conclude in refference to the sd bounds mentioned in this pet. to stand firme & good ℔vided that Cap^t^ Nic^o^ Shapleigh of Charles Towne be ℔cured by the ℔tyes to assist the Commissiono^rs^ in drawing out a plott & runing the line according to their direction the Charg of the Commissio^rs^ to be borne equally by both Townes & the artist to be payd by Salsbury only & that a True returne be made of what is done herein to the next session of this Court to be ratifyed & Confirmed

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[*Report of Committee on Line between Hampton and Salisbury, 1657.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 9.]

Att a Second session of y^e^ Generall Courtt began in october 1657

wee whose names are hereunto subscribed being appointed by the Gen^ll^ Courtt to Consider & to Determin the Bounds betwixt y^e^ two townes of Hampton & Salisburie wee Haveing bin upon y^e^ lands in Difference between the sd Townes, and haveing heard y^e^ Alligations on both sides Doe acording to o^r^ best understanding Determine after Due observations of all former orders as followeth Viz that y^e^ bounds between the two townes towards the sea is to bee upon a Straight line begining att y^e^ middle of Hampton Rivers mouth, and Runing Upwards Unto a marked tree being & standing att y^e^ upermost Corner of y^e^ farme Com'only Called m^r^ Bacheldors farme the sd line to Runn: Upon a west north west point of the Compas nearest & the sd line being so Runn by both Townes & marked outt According as Capt Shapligh hath drawn the plott, wee Agree upon Consideration of all pleas, thatt the Towne of Salisburie shall have & Enjoy Thirty Acres of marsh on

the north side of y^e^ sayd line towards Hampton att y^e^ lower End of y^e^ sd line to bee layd outt by both Townes and Adjoyning to the line, also for y^e^ Uper line into the woods, wee Determin y^t^ thatt y^e^ line shall Runn from y^e^ marked tree before mentioned upon a west & by north line Nearest Acording as Capt Shaply both Given in the line of the Trending of merimack River the which we Conclude to bee the Bounds between the two townes Unto theire Utmost Exteentt towards Haverell; wee Doe further Declare thatt whatt marsh the Towne of Salisburie Hath layd outt to Anie of their Inhahitants y^t^ shall fall within the line above mentioned towarde Hampton they shall Injoy and so much more as shall make Up the whole thirty Acres to bee Layd outt below y^e^ proprietors is there to bee found or else Above Joyning to y^e^ line, and this wee Give as o^r^ Determination to the busines to us Com'itted Concerning the p^r^mises

Witnes o Hands: 3^th^ Day of y^e^ fift month—1657

John Appleton: Joseph Methcalfe [Metcalf]

w:m Bartholomew: Daniell Peirce

The Court Approves of the Returne of these Com'issin^rs^ in Refferenc to the bounds before mentioned & orders itt to stand as a finall Determination of y^r^ Case which hath bin so long in Controversie—This is A true Coppie as itt stands Recorded in y^r^ Generall Courtt Records

Compard ℔ Samuell Dalton

[Entered in Mass. Court Records, Oct. 23, 1657.]

[*Hampton Committe on New Castle Petition, 1695.*]

[Mss. "Prov. Boundaries," p. 14.]

Att a Legall meetting of the ffreholders of Hampton May the 20^th^ 1695 Called by Authoritie

2^ly^ Capt^n^ Henry Dow and Leiut^nt^ Christepher Palmer were Chosen by the Major Voat to goe to New Castle in Obeadience to and order Received ffrom the Honourable The leiut^nt^ Governour and Councill to shew our reasons why we are not Willing The Petition of New Castell should be granted And we doe give unto them the Sayd Capt^n^ Dow & Leiut^nt^ Palmer ffull power to act in our behalf Concerning the above mentioned according to their descretion voted

vera Copia taken out of Hampton Towne Booke

As Attest Henry Dow Clerk

[*Draft of Commission to Run Line, 1701.*]

[Mss. "Prov. Boundaries," p. 10.]

Whereas y^e^ L^t^ Gov^r^ & Councill were pleased to appoint a Comittee to run several lines Between Portsm^o^ Hampton & Exeter in order to y^e^ Settlem^t^ of the Towns bounds, & Whereas y^e^ ffive mile north line from Hampton Meeting house was never yet Setled to y^e^ Satisfaction of all ℘ties concernd These are therefore to Authorize & Appoint you Maj^r^ W^m^ Vaughan Cap^t^ Jn^o^ Pickerin & Cap^t^ Tobias Langdon or in either of yo^r^ Absence m^r^ Jn^o^ Dennet, of Portsm^o^ & of Hampton to run y^e^ Line afores^d^ & in order thereto to meet on Monday next being y^e^ 28^th^ Curr^tt^ by Eight a clock in y^e^ Morning at y^e^ meeting house in Hampton & thence take yo^r^ Departure Due north untill 5 mile be ended & fforthw^th^ make return & yo^r^ Doeing herein to my selfe at Portsm^o^ Dated this 24^th^ of July 1701/

[*Petition in Regard to Bounds of Hampton, 1701.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 19.]

5^th^ of August 1701

To the Honourable the left^nt^ Govenour and Councill of this his Majesties Province of New Hampshere

The Humble Petetion of Uss Whose Names are hereunto subscribed being the Select men of the Toune of Hampton Humbly shewith

That although it have bin for a long time the Earnist desire of our inhabitants and our Representatives that the bounds of our Towne might be settelled yitt it was that it might be don as nere as it might be thought Conveniant to our former Settelment by the Generall Court att Boston And We are Humbly of the opinion that no perticuler person or Towne can have any ffaire Colour to so much as Crave att this Juncture of time to Come Within our antient possesions that have bin Setteled by that Court and We have possesed quietly for about fiftie years as the orders of Court make appeare And now understanding that a Com'ittie have bin appointed to Run a line ffrom Winicut River saw mile or near it to our ould bound tree by Ass Brooke Which being done doe greatly desterb

a great many of our inhabitants and Will disquiet all of them if it should be so Confermed by your Honours by Reason severall men had land granted to them by Hampton the 22th of the 12th month 1669 and layd out to them from the Extent of our Bounds beginning Within two mils of Exeter ould Meeting House so all the way to the sea side but by Reason some of those that layd it out died suddenly before they had made ther Return So that Severall of the bounds were lost and the Endien Warr Hindred the laying of it out againe for Severall years att last Aplication Was made to the Towne to have the same layd out againe Which was done by men appointed as appeare by there Return upon Record in our Towne Booke dated ye first of Jenuary 1699 and Severall of thes lotts have bin bought and Sould and deeds made of the same And this line lately Run as above sayd take off from Hampton as it is sayd all the Whole lotts of some and part of other some to ye Number of about 40 of those mens lotts besids 4 or 5 mens lotts of Meadow ground Which disquite the peopell thay fare the losing of there lands now thay have bin att such great Exspence to defend there Right Now for the quieting of our inhabitants We are Moved by Severall of them Humbly to Pray your Honours that the Bounds of our Towne May be Confermed according to our antient Bounds viz to Extend five mile North from our ould Meeting House and from that North tree upon a direct line Within two Mile of Exeter ould Meeting House from thence upon a direct line to our ould bounds by ass Brook from thence upon a direct line to our bound tree a mile and a Half south from Exeter fals and then upon a West & by North line as fformerly And from our five mile tree due North from the meeting House to our ould bound on Joslings Neck and that the Same May be Confermed by a law Which Will be to the great Satisfaction of our inhabitants in Generall and to us Who subscrib our Selvs and are your Honours Most Humble and dutifull Servants

Nathll Weare
John Galt
Jonathan Philbrick
Samuel Dow

Morrice Hobs
Christopher Page
Jno Tucke
Select men of Hampton

[*Bounds of North Parish of Hampton, 1719.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 79.]

In Council May 29th 1729—

The Com'ittee appointed to ascertain the bounds of the New Parish at the north end of Hampton, made their return as follows—

Pro N. Hampr

We the Subscribers being a Com'ittee appointed by the Governour and Council for to Settle and ascertain the bounds & lim'its of a Parish Granted by the Governour & Council on May 2d 1719 within the township of Hampton at the north end of Said Town (vizt) It shall take its begining at the north tree betwixt Hampton and Portsmo and to Measure three Miles South from Said North tree, and there to Make a bound Mark, and from thence east South east two degrees east down to the Sea, and from Said bound Mark, three miles to the South of Said North tree aforesaid, West norwest two degrees west as far til they meet Hampton line which runs betwixt Said north tree and Streatham line and the above boundaries when so run out as above Specifyed is the bounds of Said Parish by us the 26th day of May 1719—

Nicho Gilman — Mark Hunking
Jno Gilman — Shada Walton
True Copy — Richd Waldron Secry

In Council May 2d 1719—

Ordered That there be a Parish in the north part of Hampton, and that Mark Hunking Shada Walton Nicho Gilman and John Gil- Esqrs be a Com'ittee to ascertain the bounds and lim'its of Said Parish, that is to say, between the old Parish and the New; To be Compleated and finish'd before the first tuesday in June next—

True Copy — Richd Waldron Secry

[*Bounds of Hampton and Parishes, 1730.*]

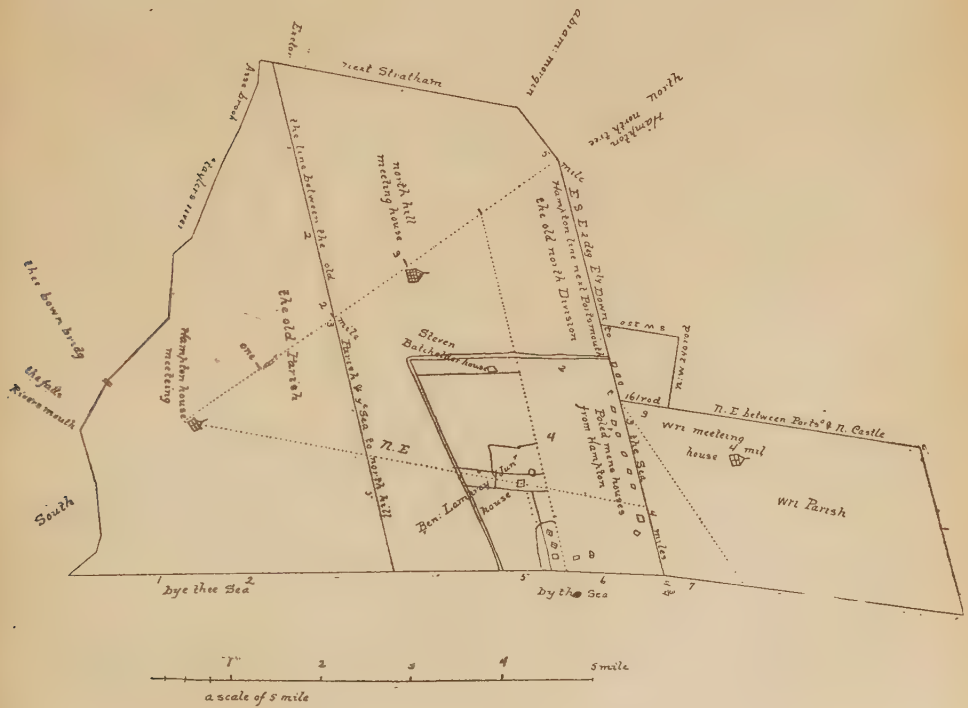
[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 83.]

9r the 26th 1730. In the house of Representatives upon the heareing of the Ꝑsons Concernd in the Ry Petition for a line toward Hampton & upon heareing the Parties of Ry & Hampton and their arguments both agreeing on the within Draught Voted That there Shall be added to the parrish of Rye by a line,

Begining at David Smiths Lot at Portsmouth line and to run Westward as Said Smiths Lot Runns the Length of the first North Divission in Hampton takeing in the Said Smiths Lot and to Runn Westward one Quarter of a Mile towards hampton as the Lots Called the Quarter of a Mile Lotts runn and then to Runn Down to the Sea at the Westerly End of the Said Quarter of a Mile Lotts Takeing the Jennes's & Philbrooks Land to the Sea: and the ☞sons and Estates within these lines to belong to Rye to all Intents & purposes

James Jeffry Cle^{r} Ass^{m}

In Hampton old Parish is nine square mile & one quarter In that Part set to north hill is thirteen square mile In the Parish of wri is five square mile lacking 84 acres In the gore is 500 acres & In the Piece near brekfast hill is 300 acres which being added to wri makes the Paris of wri to be Six square mile & 76 acres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Hampshire } Hampton March y^e^ 16^th^ 1729–30

we the Subscribers being appoynted by the Goverment of Said province a Commity to Draw a plan of the old parrish of Hamton and the North hill parrish and also of the wholl parrish of ry with those parsons Told off from Portsmouth and greenland—we Considering the Exceeding Dificolty of mesuaring all the afor said parrishes by reson of the wett traveling and shortness of the time alowd us—we have returned this within plan Drawn by the best information we could posably procure

Andrew Wiggin
William Moore
Nicho^l^ Gilman
Barth^e^ Thing

In the house of Representatives

upon Reconsidering the above vote voted That this addition be made to the above Vote viz^t^ That the Estates of Joseph Brown James Fuller : Joseph Marston & Francis Lock : which Ly in the first North Divission in Hampton Do pay to the parrish of Rye all Taxes thereon—

9^r^ the 21^th^ 1730 James Jeffry Cle^r^ Ass^m^

In Coun^l^ Nov^r^ 28 1730
Read and Concurr'd w^th^ y^e^ foregoing Votes
Rich^d^ Waldron Cler Con

I assent to the preceding Votes J Belcher
Nov^r^ 28 :

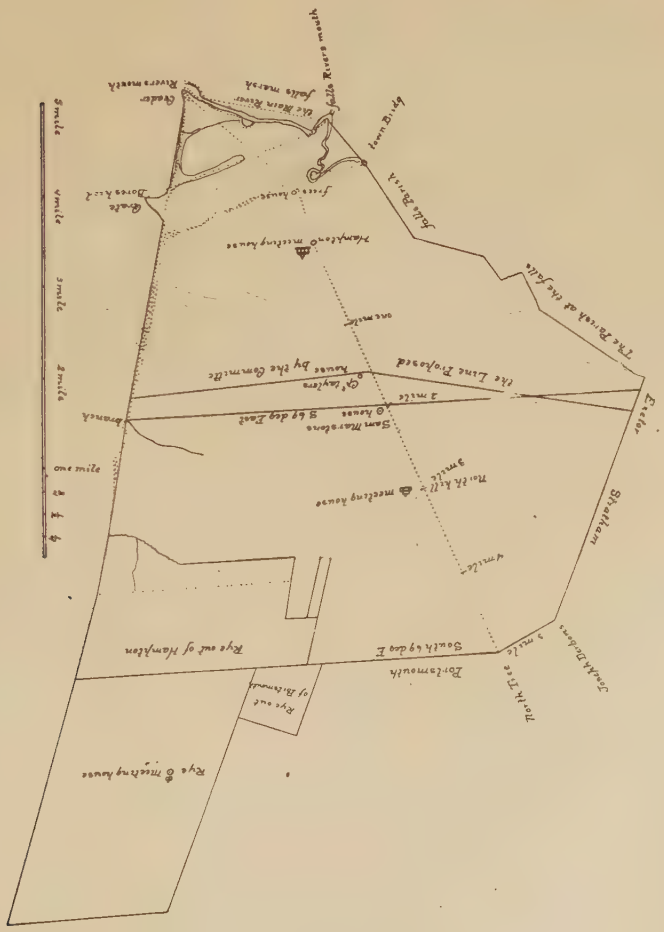
[*Plan of Hampton.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 240.]

The Plan of Hampton old Town and in it the old Claim of North hill and also the Parish of Rye—southly of the town meeting house Examined and tryed and nearly agreeing with the original Plann measured from the meeting House Southly to the Main River at the clam banks below the falls Rivers mouth and it is Just one mile and Sixty rod agreeing Exactly with the former Plann—and from the meeting house to the town bridg being one mile & 20 rod agreeing within 20 rod of the former Plann—and from the meeting house to the outer point of the Grate Bores head the Distance is

almost two mile—and from the meeting house to the Ceaders So Called which is three Trees standing on sand hills near the Rivers mouth is two mile and sixty rods

from the meeting House to frees house is one half of one mile and twenty Eight rod—the bredth of the Marsh from the upland southly of freeys to the Main River at the Clam banks is one half of one mile and twelve rod



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[*Petition Relative to Bounds between Hampton and Rye, 1737.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 93.]

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq Governour and Commander In Chief in and over His Majesties Province of New Hampshire in New England to the Honourable the Councel and House of representitives in General Assembly Convened

The Pitition of the select men of Hampton in said Provence in behalf of said Town most Humbly sheweth that where as the General Court of this Provence in November 1730 Passed the fol- "lowing Vote namely That There shall be added to the Parish of "Rye by a line begining att David Smiths Lott att Portsmouth "line and to run west ward as said smiths Lott runs the Length "of the first north Division in Hampton takeing in the said smiths "Lott: and run west ward one Quarter of a mile as the Lotts "Called the Quarter of a mile Lotts run towards Hampton and "then to run Down to the sea att the westly End of the said "Quarter of a mile Lotts takeing in the Jeneses and Philbricks "Land to the sea and the Parsons and Estate within these Lines "to belong to Rye to all Intents and purposes and that the Estats "of Joseph Brown: James fuller Joseph marston and francis Lock "Do Pay to the Parish of Rye all Taxes—your Pititioners are Humbly of the opinion that the Parish of Rye have Extended their Juresdiction beyond what was the treu an Geniwine Intent and meaning of the above recited vote—they Presumeing to run one Quarter of a mile westly from the South westly End of said smiths Lott with out any regard to the fore recited Lotts called the Quarter of a mile Lotts & then run Down to the sea on such a Corse as would take in all the Jannesses and Philbricks Land Lett it Lay where itt will your Pititioners Are Humbly of opinion that there may some Doubts Arise on what should be the meaning of those words in the fore recited vote—takeing in the Jennesses and Philbricks Land to the sea and that there is some Ambiguity in them which want An Explanation—with out which much Ilconvenecy will follow the Town of Hampton haveing already as well as Rye rated the same Parsons and boath Demanding their rates of them by means where of such Parsons Labour under grate Difficultys and grater are Like to Ensue some time in the month of March Last Benjamin Lamprey junr of said Hampton was actually Imprisoned by Rye Constable because he would not Pay to Rye the said Lamprey Liveing a Considerable Distance in upon Hamp-

ton second north Division south west ward of the Quarter of a mile So Called your Petitioners are Humbly of the opinion that he ought to be rated to Hampton in all rates—and all other Parsons and Lands also being to the south west ward of the randg of the westly Ends of the fore said Quarter of a mile Lotts from said Smith Lott Down to the sea Excepting onely that bodey of Land owned by John Jennes and Joseph Philbrick on which and adJoining to where they Live—which bodey of Land your Petitioners Humbly Conseve is what was Intended by the Jennesses and Philbricks Land mentioned in the fore recited vote—some of Rye carrie the matter So far as to say that If the fore recited Joseph Brown James fuller Joseph Marston and Francis Lock should Purchesse Estates or any other ways Come by them in Part of Hampton that itt ought to be rated to Rye and that by the Jenesses and Philbricks is Intend all of that name and that the Lands belonging to any of that name belong to Rye—the Case being thus your Petitioners Earnestly Pray your Excellency and the Honourable Councel and House of representitives to take this Pitition under Consideration and Explain the fore recited vote and what the Line is between Hampton and Rye and order that the Parson who heth had rates unJustly taken from him may have the same restored by them that Did the same and your Pititioners as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray

Henery Derbon
Josiah Moulton
Jeremiah Marston
Abraham Drake
} Select men of Sd Hampton

August 18th—1737 In the House of Representatives

the within Petition Read—and Voted that the Petrs Serve the Selectmen of Rye with a Coppy of the Petition to appeare before the Genll Assm on the 3d day of the sitting of the General Assm at their next Sessions—to shew Cause (if they Can) why the Prayer of the Petition may not be granted—and that Daniell ffogg & Benja Lampre Junr be not rated by Either partys till the affaire be Ended

James Jeffry Cler Assm

In Coun^{l} Eod^{m} Die Read and Concurrd

Richd Waldron Secry

Same day Assented to J Belcher

8r the 20th–1737–By agreemt of the Parties this affaire is Continued to the third day of the Next Sitting of the Genll Assm

James Jeffry Cler Assm

November the 15th 1738 In the House of Representatives

The within Petitioners and the Delegates for the Parrish of Rye were heard by their Council, and the House having Considered thereof: *voted*—that this is an Explanation of the vote of the Genll Assembly made the 26th of 9r–1730: Describing a line between hampton and Rye vizt to begin at David Smiths Lott at Portsmouth line and then running westward as Said Smiths lot runs the length of the first North Division in Hampton, takeing in the Said Smiths Lott, and then running Westward as the Quarter of a Mile Lotts runs towards Hampton to the Westerly End of Said Lotts as they are now laid, and thence bounding on the Westerly End of Said Quarter of a mile Lotts towards the Sea, to the uttermost bounds of Said Quarter of a Mile Lotts, and to the Easterly Corner of the Second North Divission Lotts, and then to run A Streight line to the Westerly Corner of that body of Laid Claimed by John Jennes & Richard Jennes & Joseph Philbrook, where they now live and so bounding on the Westerly Side of Said Jennesses and Philbrooks Land to the Sea James Jeffry Cler Assm

In Coun^{l} Eodm die Read and Concurrd

Richd Waldron Secry

Same day Assented to J Belcher

[*Petition from Joseph Dearborn to Belong to Hampton, 1740.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 115.]

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Governour and Commander in Chief in & over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire The Honorable his Majestys Council and House of Representatives for said Province in General Assembly Convened—

The Petition of Joseph Derbon humbly sheweth That your Petitioners Dwelling house is so situated that Sometimes he has been accounted to belong to Stretham, sometimes to Hampton, but at the last running of the dividing Line between Portsmouth and Hampton his dwelling house fell about twelve foot within the Parish of Greenland (which Parish is in the Town of Portsmouth) That your Petitioners Farm lyes partly in Greenland, Partly in Hampton and partly in Stretham, That your Petitioners dwelling house (as the Road goeth) is four mile from Greenland Meeting house

and but about Two mile from North Hill Meeting House (so called) That your Petitioner and his family labour under great difficultys & disadvantages with respect to their attending the publick worship of God at Greenland, That your Petitioner is rated to Greenland Hampton and Stretham—

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays that his Estate in Greenland Hampton and Stretham aforesaid together with all the Polls that now are or hereafter shall be setled or Live on said land or any part thereof, may be polled off to North: Hill parish (so called) and that as to his Province Tax he may pay the same in the Town of Hampton when there shall be a new Proportion and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &c

Joseph Dearborn

Province of New Hampshire

In the House of Representatives ffeb^{y} 12th 1739–40

the within Petition Read & voted the Petitioner Serve the Select men of Greenland with a Copy of the Petition and the Order of Court hereon to appeare fryday the 15th Curr^{t} at ten of the Clock before noon to be heard & Shew Cause &c^{a} why the Prayer of the Petition may not be granted: all at the Charge of the Petitioner

James Jeffry Cle^{r} Ass^{m}

In Coun^{l} Eod^{m} die

Read and Concurrd with the following amendment (Namely) that the time for hearing be on tuesday next (if the Court be then Sitting) instead of fryday next, and if the Court be not then Sitting on the third day of the next Session

Rich^{d} Waldron Sec^{ry}

Eod^{m} Die In the House of Representatives

Read & Concurr'd with the Councils amendm^{t}

James Jeffry Cle^{r} Ass^{m}

feb: 13: 1739–40 Assented to J Belcher

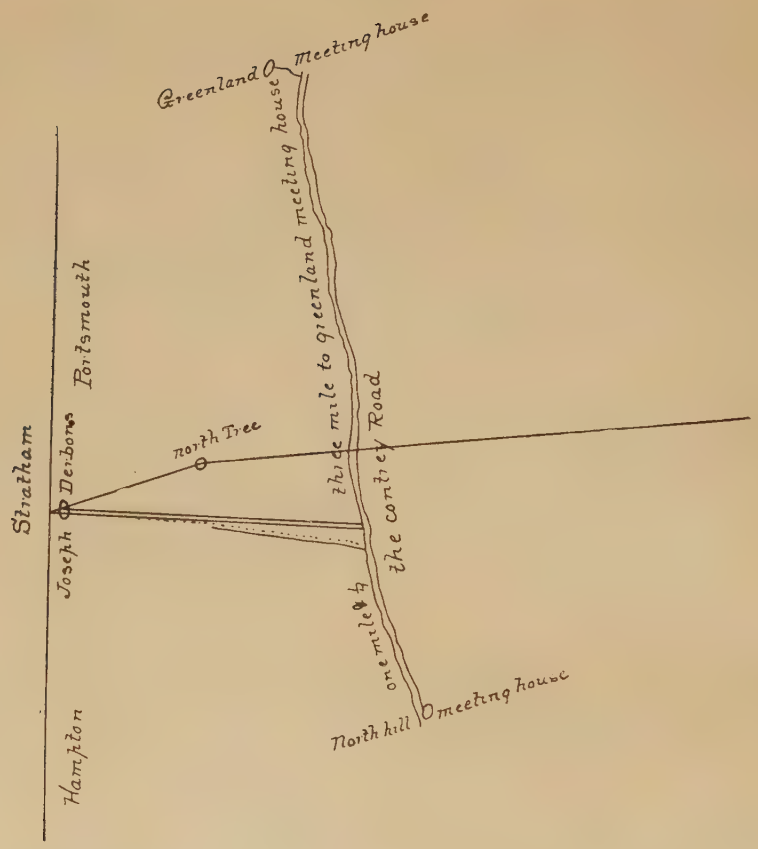
In the House of Representatives ffeb^{ry} the 19—1738–40

the Within Petition Read and the Parties heard by their Council the House having Considered thereon: Voted that the Prayer of the Petition be granted, and that the Petitioner have liberty to Bring his Bill accordingly

James Jeffry Cle^{r} Ass^{m}

In Coun^{l} feb^{ry} 21. 1739–40 Read and Non-Concurr'd

Rich^{d} Waldron Sec^{ry}



[*Request for Division Line in Hampton, 1742.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 125.]

Jun the 7th 1742

We the subscribrs of the north part of Hampton desire to put into the Honbel general Court to se if thay will grant us a line btwene the parish in Hampton or order to mantn the two ministrs togathar or any other way bi thar Considrachon

Moses Leavitt
lisha thomas
Benjamin Thomas
uiakrtah Bacheldr

Att a Legall Meeting of y^e^ ffreeholders of y^e^ Town of Hampton the 3^d^ day of september 1742

2—that m^r^ Sam^ll^ palmer Ju^r^ & Jonathan Garland be a Com-'ittee to appear at y^e^ Generall Court at there Next setting in y^e^ behalfe of y^e^ Town to answere in the affaire of y^e^ pititioners of North hill—Voted

3—that we are willing that those parsons the pititioners which are desires to belong to the parish at north hill should with their Estates belong there—Voted

Vera Copia Attest Sam^ll^ Dow Town Clr^k^

[*Hampton Falls Line, 1736.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 105.]

Mun^d^ September 2^d^ 1736 Hampton ffalls beginning at Stone Bridge & then West & by North one half Mile from thence on A Streight Line till it Crosses Horse Hill road forty rods below or to the Estward of Jon^a^ Browns Dwelling House & So on A Streight Continued Line till it Intersects the Divideing Line between Salisbury & Hampton from the End of the first s^d^ Half Mile above Stone bridge the above s^d^ Line Extended to Exeter Line—

Joseph Sherburn
Theod^r^ Atkinson
Edward Hall
Sam^ll^ Palmer

[*Hampton Falls and Kensington.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 107.]

To His Excelency Jonathan Belchar Esq^r^ Gove^nr^ and Comander in Cheef in & Over the Province of Newhampshire & the Honorable the Membars of the Councel & house of Represantatives Now Sitting

The humble address & Petition of the Selectmen of the parish of hampton falls Most humbly Sheweth—

That as there was an act past for the setting of a parish at the westerly part of this Parish by the name of kinsington and the

bounds Set in the Said act for the Devideing Line between the Said parishes We Conseve was Ment a Strait Line half a Mile westerly of the Stone bridge to Run Strait from Salisbery bounds to Exeter bounds but the Select men of kinsington agree with us in Runing Southerly but Say that thay will Come to the Stone bridg to run from thence to Exeter bounds So that there is half a mile in bredth from said stone bridge to Exeter line in Dispute and severall Inhabitence liable to be Rated both waies and a grate Deal of trouble & Dificulty arise therefore to prevent those troubls & that we May have no farther Dispute

We humbly pray that the true meaning of what was Intended to be the bounds Whether it wear a strait line or Not May be so Explaind that we may have no farther Disputs in that matter & your Petitionars as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray

James Prescutt
Jona[a] ffifield } Select men
Joseph Worth } for Hampton falls

In Coun[l] Augs[t] 12, 1737—

Read & Voted that the petitioners have leave to Bring in a Bill agreeable to the Original Return of the Com'itte hereto annexed

R Waldron Sec[ry]

Eod[m] Die In the House of Representatives the above Vote of Councill Read & Concurrd

James Jeffry Cle[r] Ass[in]

Aug[st] 19. 1737 Consented to J Belcher

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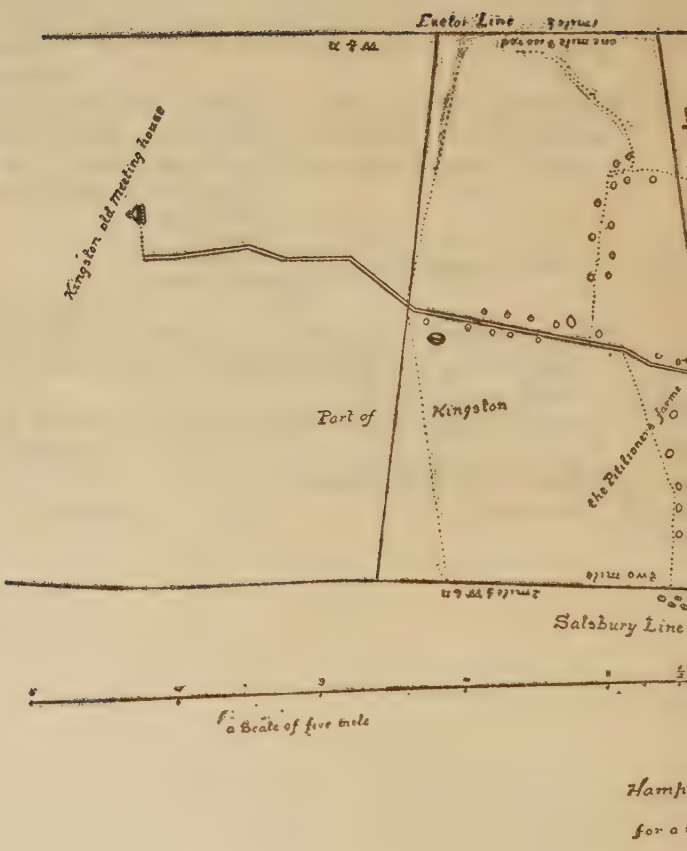
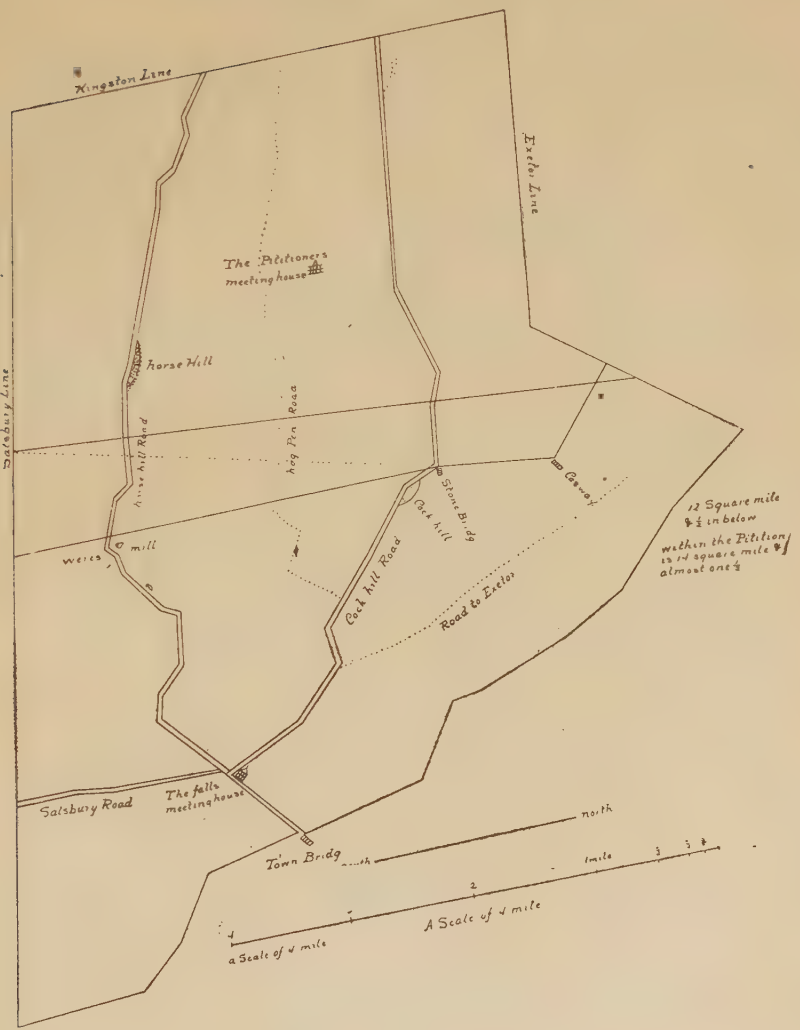


being desired by Some of the Pititionrs for a new
them mesiour the Distance from the Line on the head of
line or near itt gos till wee Came in to the broad street nea
distance to be 4 mile and 12 rod and the nearest distance
neare Hampton Line is 3 mile and ¾ & 50 rod and fro
meeting house att Hampton falls on a Straight Line is fiv
mile & 100 rod

n the west Part of Hampton and Lower Part of Kingston I did with
falls near as the road by y^e^ new meeting House frame on Hampton
Corner square with Kingston old meeting house and we found the
e between Kingston meeting house & the frame for a meeting house
e between Hampton & Kingston where said frame stands to the old
l ½ & about 10 : rod and near as the Road goes to the distance is six

Samuel Palmer Jun^r^

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 102.]



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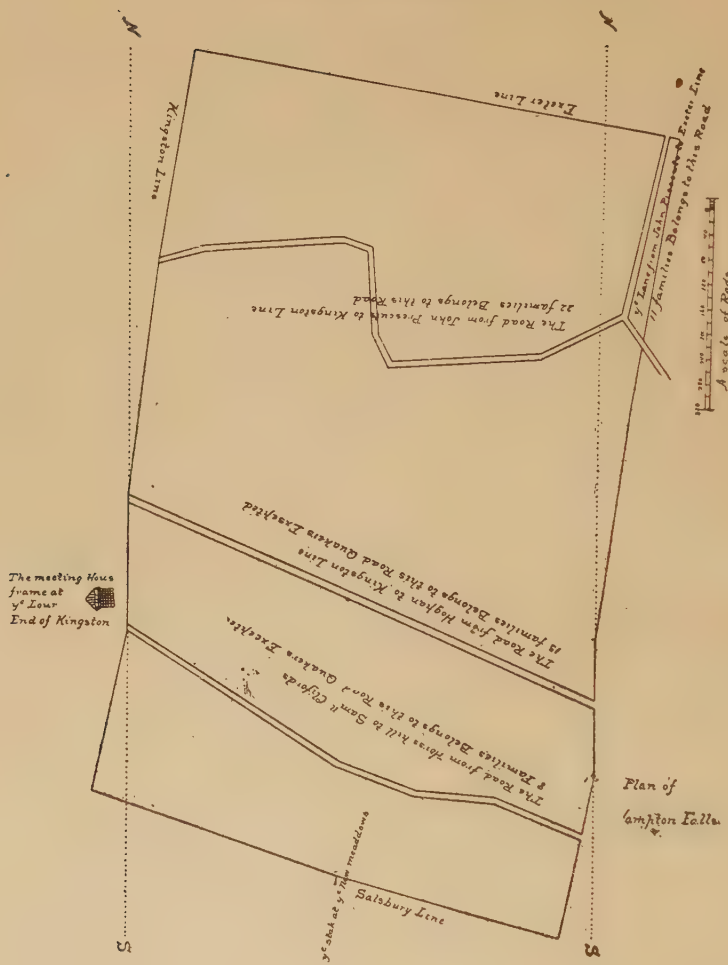
Kingston Line
Exeter Line
The Road from John Pierce's to Kingston Line
32 Families Belonge to this Road
y^e Lands of John Dunster on Exeter Line
11 Families Belonge to this Road
A scale of Rods
The Road from Haghan to Kingston Line
13 Families Belonge to this Road Quakers Exepted
The meeting Hous frame at y^e Low End of Kingston
The Road from Hoges hill to Samll Cilfords
8 Families Belonge to this Road Quakers Excepted
Plan of Kingston Falls
y^e shad at y^e meadows
Salsbury Line
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[*Kingston and Chester.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 73.]

according to an order of Council to us bareing Date may the 25. 1728 we did repair to Kingston north Corner bounds on thursday the 30th of may fore s^d^ to try the trew Corse of the Divideing Line between the towne of Chester and the sd Kingston

and we find the Centre of the trew Corse between the Sd towns to be eight degrees to the westward of South & better or South & between 8 & 9 deg west: ly as the Line has been run & marked out between the two Said towns formerly

and understanding the said order that the trew Corse of said Line when found should be Contineued on to the southward on the uper & westly part of Kingston till itt came to the Extent of Said Kingstwon to the southward

we Did accordingly the next Day Contineu on the same Corse of South and between 8 & 9 deg w: ly to a white oke now marked standing on the south Easterly Edg of high Land Laying nere and on the North westrly Part of a Pond Called Island Pond and time failing us wee could Proceed no further

and this is the Servay that wee have taken upon the above Said order that wee Recevied

Samuell Palmer

[*Kingston Committee Appointed 1739–40.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 114.]

Kingston East Parish Jan^y^ y^e^ 29^th^ 1739–40

Att A Legal Meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants & freeholders of y^e^ s^d^ East Parish in Kingston

1^st^ John Darling was Chosen Moderator for s^d^ meeting

4^ly^ voted that Joseph Grele, William Boynton, Jeremy Webster, Nathan Batchelder, Ralph Blasdel, Benj^n^ Morril, & John Webster; Shall be A Com^tee^ to Represent the s^d^ Parish at the Gen^ll^ Court about A Line between our s^d^ Parish & the Town;

Vera Copia attest

Jeremy Webster Cler: for y^e^ East Parish in Kingstown

[*Boundary between Two Kingston Parishes, 1740.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 119.]

Province of } Pursuant to an order of the General Court dated
New Hamp^{r} } the fifteenth day of February last past. We have been at Kingston and viewed both parts of the Said Town and having duely considered the quantity and quality of the lands the Situation of the two meeting houses and the Settlements of the Inhabitants together with the Course and Distances of the Roads, we are humbly of opinion that the dividing boundary between the first Parish and the other called Kingston East Parish be as follows namely, That a Strait line be run from meeting house to meeting house and that from the middle of the Said line, a line be run by the Compass North to Exeter Bounds and South to Salisbury Bounds and that the Said line extending from Exeter to Salisbury Intersecting the first line in the middle be the established boundary between the two Parishes Saving to such persons as desire it who happen to fall within the east Parish the liberty of belonging still to the old Parish there to receive Privilege and do Duty, the aforesaid line notwithstanding, Provided Such Persons shall make their Request known in writing under their hands to the Select men of the Town within a Month after the Said Boundary shall be setled by a Law; and that the Persons who shall so enter their Request with the Selectmen aforesaid together with the estates they live upon shall be entirely exonerated and free from any duty as Parishoners within the Said East Parish Notwithstanding their Residence within The Same, and moreover it is our opinion that whatsoever Farms shall happen to be divided by the aforesaid Boundary, That the whole of the said Farm being one piece of Land, shall be taxed in that Parish in which the owner of the said Farm is a Parishoner—All which is submitted by

Dated August 4th 1740

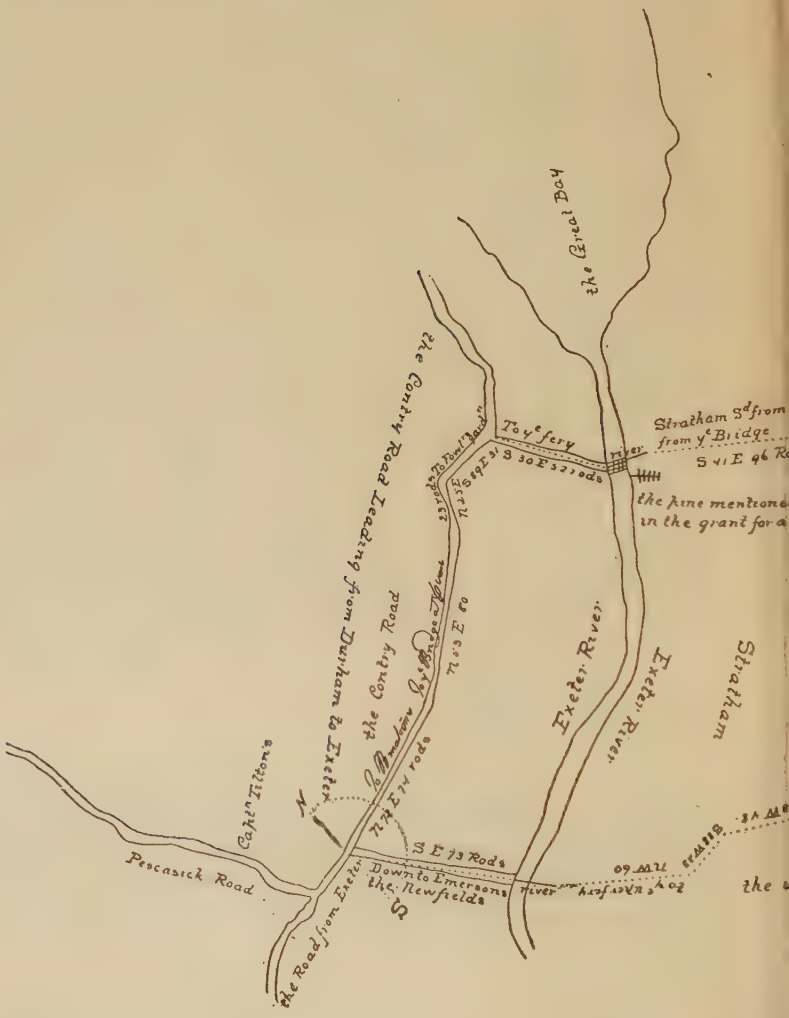
Rich^{d} Waldron
Eph^{m} Dennet
Edward Hall
Tho^{s} Packer

In the House of Representatives August 5th 1740:

The within Return Read and accepted with the following amendm^{t} viz^{t} that these words (Excepting those that were Polled off to the East ℔ish by a former vote or act & by the Town) be added in the 24th Line where the hand is markt—and in the last Clause of the

[Mss. "Town Bou

In the Contry Road at the mouth of the Road Leading to the
north side y^e River & Crose the Bridge is 144 Rods nearer wigg
It is about 144 Rods nearer for the people that Come from P
then for them to Come the upper way
& one mile & three quarters nearer for all the towns to y^e nor
the town of nottingham &c



p. 198.]

d Landing on y^e^ hill (So Calld) to Come Down on the
dge then to go over at the newfeilds Landing place
Road (So Called) to portsm^o^ to Come the Lower way

ly Dover Durham Rochester Barronton and the Body of

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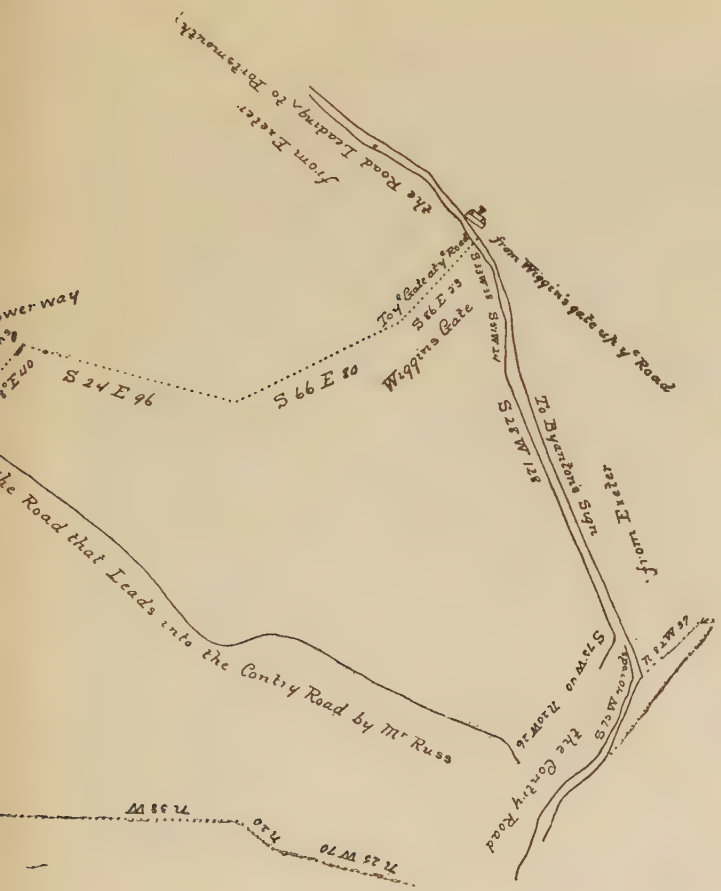
From Exeter
the Road Leading to Portsmouth
from Wiggins gate w^h^ y^e^ Road
Toy Easterly Road
S 76 E 33
Wiggins Gate
S 66 E 80
S 24 E 96
S 25 W 128
To Byentons Sign
From Exeter
the Road that Leads into the Contry Road by M^r^ Russ
the Contry Road
S 25 W 70

Return: viz^{t} when any Farm is split by the Dividing Line; It be Entred that the owner shall have liberty to declare which ℔ish he will pay too: (Still Excepting those that were formerly Polled off to the East ℔ish: and that the Petitioners have liberty to bring in their Bill accordingly James Jeffry Cl^{r} Ass^{m}

In Coun^{l} Eod^{m} die Read and Concurrd with the above Vote
Rich^{d} Waldron Sec^{ry}

Same day I assent to the above Votes J Belcher

[*Plaistow and Kingston.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 243.]

To the Hon. House of Representatives of the State of New-Hampshire, to be convened at Concord on the first wednesday of June 1810, We, the undersigned Committee, appointed by the Hon. House of Representatives of said State at their June session 1809, to settle the line between the towns of Plastow & Kingstown, did, on the 15th day of Aug^{t} 1809 meet, and after reading the Charter of said Plastow, and comparing it with a coppy of the plan of said Plastow annexed to said charter as recorded in the book of Charters, runing several lines, examining many witnesses and papers, and hearing the pleas & allegations of the agents from each town; agree to report, and do report, that the lines between the said Kingstown & Plastow shall hereafter run & be known by the following courses metes & bounds, that is to say—A line shall begin at a large rock called Hunts back, From thence running North seventy six degrees & eighteen minutes east, one hundred & forty one rods & nine links to a small red oak tree by an old pine stump near the southerly side of a stone wall which divides the land of Moses Williams on the northerly side of said wall from the land of Daniel Ayers on the Southerly side—This small red oak tree we marked with the letters T C. S A and P M and it had been heretofore marked with the letters IEK. From thence, south thirty seven degrees & twenty minutes east, seven hundred & forty five rods to a small ash tree near a small elm tree in a meadow. This last mentioned boundary is well known by the name of Carltons bounds—

Kingstown August 18th 1809 Thomas Chase, Phinehas Merrill, Samuel Armor } Committee

State of New Hampshire
In the House of Representatives June 8th 1810
The foregoing report was read and considered, received and accepted
Sent up for Concurrence Charles Cutts—Speaker
In Senate June 13, 1810 Read & Concurred
H. B. Chase Clerk.

[*North Hampton and Rye, 1793.*]

[Charter Records, Vol. 4, p. 257.]

State of New Hampshire } North Hampton Jany 17th 1793
Rockingham ss } Pursuant to an Act of the General Court of this State appointing us a Committee to run the lines between the Townships of North Hampton and Rye, we have perambulated said lines, and have ascertained the Courses and distance in manner following—

1st Beginning at the North corner of North Hampton, Greenland and Rye, then running South, sixty nine degrees East two hundred and fifty six rods to David Smiths corner—thence South forty seven degrees West, three hundred and eighty two rods to the Eastward of Lieut Simon Wards orchard, thence South seventy seven degrees East eighty six rods to a birch stump, thence South sixty three degrees, East three hundred and sixty eight rods, thence due north ten rods and one half of a rod, to the northeast corner of Simon Lampreys house, thence South forty one degrees East, one hundred and seventy rods to John Jenness's Junr corner so called, thence south fifty four degrees West thirty one and half rods, thence South forty four degrees East, two hundred and eleven rods to the Sea.

The land of Nehemiah Moulton's home place is to pay in all taxes to North Hampton that he now possesses—He lying upon the line between said Towns—Also Simon Lampreys home-place is to pay in all taxes to the Town of Rye—And the Selectmen of said Towns, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly —And all polled lands between the Towns of Rye and North Hampton is considered to pay all taxes to the Towns on each side of said line where they lye, excepting Nehemiah Moulton and Simon Lamprey as before mentioned—

James Hill [L S]
Jere : Bachelder [L S] } Committee—
Joshua Weeks [L S]

Recorded according to the report of the Committee, in pursuance of an Act of the General Court—

℔ Joseph Pearson Secy

Plan of North Hampton & Rye line established by order of Court by a Committee Jan^{y} 17th 1793.

Minutes begun at A.
1st S. 69. D. E. 256 rods to David Smiths N. E. corner
2d S. 47. D. W. 382 rods East of wards Orchard
3d S. 77. D. E. 86 rods to a birch stump, one old bound
4th S. 63. D. E. 368 rods to a road 10½ rods S. of Simon Lamprey's house
5th Due North 10½ rods to the N. E. corner of sd Lampreys
6th S 41 D. E. 170 rods to John Jenness jr corner so called
7th S. 54 D. W. 31½ rods to John Jenness corner so called
8th S 44 D. E. 211 rods to the Sea
Pricked Lines on sd plan is roads
Distance run from A, to the Sea is 4 miles & 235 rods
Scale 15. — — — Jere Bachelder Survr
The above is a true copy of a plan & survey of the lines between North Hampton & Rye as returned to be by Jere: Batchelder Survr Attestr Joseph Pearson Secy

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[*Extract from Nottingham Charter.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 161.]

The Boundery Lines of Nottingham as Cataind in the Charter for Said Town are as folo Viz—

To Begin at Dover Westerly Corner bounds, Running along Exeter Northerly Line west and be north Two miles Then along Exeter head Line South west half a point More Southerly one mile and three Quarters, and from thence upon a west north west poynt of the Compass Ten Miles Into the Country: Then To begin again at The aforsd Dover westerly Corner bounds, and Run North East half a poynt more Easterly, four miles and one Quarter along Dover head Line; Then upon a north west point, half a point more Northerly Thirteen Miles into the Country, and from that bounds upon a Strait Line, To the End of the aforesaid Ten mile Line—The above is an Extract from Nottm Charter as on Record atest Peter Gilman pr Clk

The Line from Dover Corner as it is now Laid out & Divided Bounds North East 3 Degrees North; 4 miles & ¼: So that the Line as by Charter will Come Lower Down on Durham; 8 Degrees 45 minuits: then it now Stands

P G—

memorandm I believe there is no mistake in the Two Lotts mentiond in ye warrant

[*Nottingham and Durham.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 155.]

Durham April 26th 1756

Whereas we the Subscribers ware Appointed Committes by the Proprietors of Notingham & the Town of Derham, to Preambulate the Line between sd towns, being met at the house of Mr Benjn Witcher in Derham have agreed to run sd Line as follows Viz—

To run from No 1 Summerstreet the same Course it now runs till it comes out to make a Square with the Red Oak between Derham & Exeter then to measure the Distance from Said place to Sd Red Oak then to come to the Easterly End of sd Summer Street & measure the same Distance on a true Square, & there fix a Bounds, & from thence to Run to the Red Oak Tree afore Mentioned—

N B it is to be understood that Where Barington Line Joynes to Notingham the Bounds to be fixt there—

Memdm to meet ye 24th may Next at Capt Joseph Cillys at 10 Clock A–M—

Samll Smith
Jonathan Thomson } Comittee for Derham
Ebenezer Smith

Nathll Peirce
Samll Gilman jur
Jonas Longfellow } Committee for Notingham
Thoms Simpson

[*Nottingham and Durham.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 163.]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq Governr and Comander in Chieff in & over his majtys Province of New Hampshire the Honble His Majtys Council & House of Representatives for Said Province in General Assembly Convened the 14th Day of December 1757—

The Humble Petition of Samuel Smith & Ebenezer Smith Esqrs and Ephm Davis Yeoman all of Durham in Said Province as Agents for & in behalf of the Said Town of Durham—Shews—

That there is a Dispute between the Inhabitants of Said Town

and the Inhabitants & Proprietors of the Town of Nottingham Parte of which Joyns on Said Durham Concerning the Dividing Line between them for the Settlement of which Several Attempts have made by Comittees which have hitherto been Ineffectual for that Purpose and there is Reason to think that All Essays of that kind will hereafter be so (if any were to be made) as Such Comittees are Parties in the Dispute & Interrested in the Event—

That your Petitioners Apprehend the Line of Durham at the Head ought to be the same that was the Line of Dover before Durham was Incorporated which began at a Certain Red Oak Tree which was formerly fixed as the Westerly Corner Bounds & from thence runs on A Streight Line to A Pitch Pine Stump which is A Corner Bounds of Barrington the Course of which Line will be now found North about forty degrees & half East in which Line many old Trees Are Still to be found to which Durham ought to come & to hold but the Agents for the Said Nottingham deny it and alledge the Course of the Said Line from Said Red Oak ought to be North forty Two degrees East by which many of the Lotts of Land laid Out by Durham will be Curtaild & the Possessors under Durham Ousted—

Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray that as there is no Probability the Said Line will ever be otherways Settled A Committee of A Suitable Number of Disinterrested Persons may be Appointed & Authorized to hear the Partys Concernd & finally to Settle & Determine how the Said Line Shall be run and to run & mark Out the Same and that your Petitioners may have Leave to bring in a Bill Accordingly And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Pray

Sam^{ll} Smith
Eph^{m} Davis
& in behalf of
Ebenez^{r} Smith

Province of New Hamp^{r} } In Council December 5th 1757

Read & ordered to be Sent down to the Hon^{ble} the Assembly—

Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Province of New Hamp^{r} } In the House of Representatives Decemb^{r} 15 1751

This Petition being Read

Ordred that the Petitioners be heard thereon the Second Day of the Sitting of the General Assembly next after the 15th of Feb^{ry}

next & that the Petitioners at their own Cost & Charge cause the Select men of the Town of Nottingham & the Clerk of the Proprietors of Said Town of Nottingham to be Served with a Copy of this Petition & order of Court that they may Notify the Town & Proprietors to Appear & Shew Cause if any they have why the Prayer thereof Should not be granted

Andrew Clarkson Clerk

In Council December the 16th 1757 Read & Concurrd

Theodore Atkinson Secry

Province of New Hampr } In the House of Representatives March 1: 1758

Voted that this Petition be revived and that the Petitioners be heard thereon the Second Day of the Sitting of the General Assembly next after the first Day of April next and all Concerned are ordered to Govern themselves Accordingly—

Andrew Clarkson Clerk

In Council March 2d 1758–Read & Concurrd

Theodore Atkinson Secry

Province of New Hampr } In the House of Representatives April 20th 1758

This Petition being Read the Parties Appear & being fully heard thereon

Voted That Jeremiah Webster of Kingstown & Samuel Emerson of Chester Esqrs be a Comittee to Joyn with Such as may be Appointed by the Honble Council to hear the Parties & Examine into the Matters in Dispute and make Report to the General Assembly as Soon may be

Andrew Clarkson Clerk

In Council Eodm Die Read & Concurrd and the Honble Joseph Newmarch Esq to be of the Comittee on the Part of the Board

Theodore Atkinson Secry

Copy Exd ℔ Theodore Atkinson Secry

Prov: of New Hampsr Sepr ye 24th 1759

We the Subscribers being a Comtte appointed by the Generall Court to hear the Parties & Examine into the Matters in Dispute, relative to the within Petition; have accordingly so done; & from what appears from the Evidences laid before us, do report, That the westerly Corner bounds of Dover, before Durham was encorpored; begins at a certain Red Oak Tree & from thence to run

Northerly on a Straight line to a Pitch Pine Stump which is the Corner Bounds of Barrington which line so far, we adjudge to be the true head line of Durham

Jos. Newmarch
Jeremy Webster } Comtte
Samll Emerson

In Council Octobr 11–1759 read & Ordered to be Sent Down to the Honble assembly

Theodore Atkinson Secry

Province of
New Hampsr } In the house of Representatives Janry 18th 1760
Voted That this Report be Accepted, & Sent up for Concurrence

A Clarkson Clerk

In Council Janry 18-1760 The Parties being fully heard on the Premisses the Council took under Consideration the above Vote & Concurd the Same

Theodr Atkinson Secry

Consented to

B Wentworth

[*Committee Appointed from Nottingham, 1758.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 159.]

At A Meeting of the Proprietors of Nottingham held on Tuesday the 14th day of February–1758 It was Then: Voted that Nathll Peirce & Peter Gilman Esqrs Be a Com'ittee to appear at the Generall Court To make answer To a Petition of Samel Smith Esqr & others agents for the Town of Durham; and shew Reasons To Sd Court why the Prayer of Said Petition ought not to be granted, and Further Voted That Said Commette have full power To Setle the Boundary Line Betwen Durham & Nottingham with the Agents of durham Provided it be Setled So as not to Brake in upon Summer Street Lotts, and to apply To the Generall Court to Confirm any Such agreement made with the Said agents of Durham

A Coppy from Nottingm Proprs Book of Records attest

Peter Gilman Proprs Clk

Then To Begin again at the aforsd Dover westerly Corner and Run: North East half a point more Esterly four miles and a quarter along Dover head Line

A Copy of a Paragraft in nottingham Charter of the Line that bounds on Dover Taken from Nottingm Proprieter Records attest

Peter Gilman proprs Clk

the Line as the Lotts ar Laid in Sumr Strt is North East 3 Degrs north—on Barrington North west ½ North 13 miles.

[*Portsmouth and Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Oct. 16, 1654.]

The Towne of portsmouth prefering a petition for settling the bounds betweene hampton & themselves the Court think^s meete to referre the Issue of the case to Commissiono^rs & to that end have Chosen m^r Joseph Jewett m^r Thomas Bradbury & m^r John Saunders who are hereby Impowred to examine the matters in diffrence betweene the Townes of Portsmouth & Hampton as Touching the Lyne betweene them & to settle the same in such a way as may by them be Judged most meete uppon a full hearing of what shalbe alleadged in the Case & that they make returne thereof to the next court of Election & m^r Joseph Jewett to appoynt the time & place of meeting

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[*Portsmouth and Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, Nov. 1, 1654.]

In Ans^r to the peticion of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth; The Court Judgeth it meete to Referr the Issue of the Case to a Comittee and to that end have chosen m^r Joseph Jewett m^r Thomas Bradbury and m^r Jn^o Saunders who are heereby Impowered to examine the matters in differenc betweene the Townes of Portsmouth and Hampton as touching the line betweene them and to setle the same in such a way as may by them be Judged most meete uppon a full hearing of what shallbe alleadged in the case and that they make retourne thereof to the next Court of Election m^r Joseph Jewett to Appointe the time & place of meeting

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[*Portsmouth and Hampton.*]

[Mass. Court Records, May 15, 1672.]

In Ans^r to the motion of the Deputies of Portsmouth The Court Judgeth it meete to order, that the bounds betweene Portsmouth & Hampton as to their Touneships be determined & setled & that m^r Elias Stileman John Gilman of Exiter & m^r Samuel Dalton attend this service and make returne of what they shall determine to this Court And this Court declares they shallbe willing to grant to Portsmouth land for a village when they shall Declare to this Court the place where they desire it—

[*Portsmouth, Hampton, and Exeter.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 25.]

For y^e^ better Settlem^t^ of y^e^ bounds between Portsm^o^ Hampton & Exeter,

ordered y^t^ Maj^r^ W^m^ Vaughan & m^r^ W^m^ Cotten ffor Portsm^o^ & Cap^t^ Henry Dow & m^r^ Jn^o^ Tuck ffor Hampton m^r^ Moses Levit & M^r^ Nich^o^ Gilman for Exeter Bee & hereby are appointed a Comittee to run y^e^ bound line between the Towns afores^d^ & as hereafter mention'd Viz^t^ to begin 5 mile North of Hampton meeting house from a tree that stands ab^t^ 6 pole to y^e^ Northw^d^ of Winicot river where a saw mill at p^rst^ Stands by y^e^ Comon road that goes from Portsm^o^ to Hampton & from thence to run a Direct line to y^e^ old bound tree near y^e^ bridge at asse brook & thence to y^e^ South bound tree being a mile & a halfe from Exet^r^ Fals you are alsoe to run a line from y^e^ river on y^e^ west side of y^e^ mouth of Walls Cove lying between m^r^ Andrew Wiggins & Sandy point Due South till you come to Hampton bounds, & that y^e^ S^d^ Comitee meet on Teusday next being y^e^ 22^d^ Ins^t^ by ten a clock in y^e^ forenoon at y^e^ Mill on Winicot river to Attend this service & ffurthw^th^ to make return of their doeings herein to y^e^ Hon^rable^ y^e^ L^t^ Gov^r^.

[*Bounds of Portsmouth, 1698.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 13.]

Province of New hampshir } to y^e^ honra^bl^ the Lefft: govener & councile of this his mags^ts^ province now seting at portsm^o^ the 5 of Apprill 1698—

persewant to An order from youer hon^rs^ beareing dat y^e^ 11^th^ of march Last past: relating to y^e^ giveing account of y^e^ bounds & Limets of our town by the selectmen thereof:—

may it ples youer honers: our selves selectmen this year: being young Esspeshally as to y^e^ knolidge of those things; but Look that it is of great Conserment, & according to y^e^ best Light wee have: our towne was Lemeted and bounded, before our time: & so settled by y^e^ Masatusats under whos government this place then was: the full determination of this towns bounds belowe may be found at Larg in those Records: what wee have by us & in our Records: y^e^ Copy whereof is Redy for youer honrs perusals: on

which wee humbly in behalf of our towne offer these folloing Considerations: viz: hamtoun Exeter & dover, doutles have their Records (of their bounds) which so Incompos this skert of Land Called portsm°, that no Inlargment or addetion may be y^e^ other towns Iff penched may be Inlarged: wee have herd y^e^ climhants Say that all y^e^ Land on this side pescataway River without y^e^ bounds of hamtoun & Exeter doth sertenly belong to portsm° & though it doe, yet it is nothing Compareable to y^e^ other towns for Largnes, nor convenances, each of them haveing y^e^ whol Land befor them: (for Inlargment) & though it is so yet y^e^ comitioners that first cam, to set bounds betwen dover & strabury bank (coming over y^e^ River) Laied out sundry Lands for dover which as by y^e^ second Comittees Return: was found to be most convenant for Strabury bank, so ordered only 400: acers: on this sid: should belong to dover: the Rest of y^e^ Land to strabury bank: & so confermed by y^e^ genrall Court: so that wee are humbly of openyon all y^e^ Land without hamtoune bounds & Exeter: belongs to portsm° as for y^e^ bounds betwen hamtoun & portsm° at y^e^ sea sid, it is sayed that it is setled by men Appoynted by them: otherways beleve it may be mad Appere that our bounds begun at y^e^ Little River beyong Joslins neck: thence Round the sea shor into y^e^ great harbor & so up the river of pascataway through y^e^ great bay thes things considered have good grounds to hop youer honers: will see Cause to Conferm all the Lands as afore sd to this towne of portsm° as other towns in y^e^ Capasaty as before wee ware taken from Under the masatusats government: this being y^e^ sum of what wee have at present to offer humbly Crave Leve to subscribe our selves youer hon^rs^ most humble servants:

John pickerin
John Dennet
W^m^ Cotton
} Select men of portsm°

[*Report of Committee, 1701.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 29.]

July 23: 1701

We Whose Names are here unto Subscribed being appointed by the Honourable The left^nt^ Governour and Councill a Com'ittee to Run the lines Here after mentioned and is More ffully Exprest in sayd order accordingly Wee Have done itt and from about Sixe Rod ffrom Winicut River Mill to a pine Marked H norward of

sayd Mill to ass Brook tree South west half a point westerly is 1240 Rod and from the South tree 1 Mile & half ffrom Exeter ffalls ffrom that South tre to ass Brook tree East North East some thing more Easterly is 532 Rod

ffrom Walls Cove upon a South point four mile one quarter and about 40 Rod; to Hampton line & Cut the line about One quarter of a mile from the Bound tre att Ass Brook as Witnes

Wm Vaughn
Henry Dow
Moses Leavitt
Jno Tucke
Nico Gillman

[Endorsed] The Committes Sertefecate of ye Runninge ye Line from by wenecut Mill: & walls Crike to Ass Broke July 23d 1701 —Beinge Portsmo Town Bounds from Greneland to Exeter & so by hampton Line to there North bound tree by wenecutt Mill—

Recd This of Colonll Partredge Maye: 1706.

[*Newington Petition, 1721.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 63.]

To his Excellency Samll Shute Esqr—Governr and Commandr in Cheif in and over his Majesties Province of New Hampr &c

To the Honourable the Councill & Representatives now Conveened in Genll Assembly in Portsmo in sd Province

The Petition of Jno Knight Moses Dam & Richd Douning Selectmen of Newington in behalfe of the Inhabitants thereof most humbly Sheweth

That in as much as the Honourable the Councill and Genll Assembly did heretofore order that a certain Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmo Should be laid to that part of the Town of Dover which lyeth on the Westerly Side of Piscataqua river and did make them One Parish or District by the name of Newington—which Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth were only poled of by a Committee appointed for that end, and the Stated line made between Portsmouth & Newington for want of which very great Inconveniences do arise to persons who make new Settlements between the sd Town and Parish, especially by their being taxed to them both—

Therfore your Petitioners humble pray that your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly will please to order that a dividing line

be made, and that the Inhabitants which now are or hereafter may be Setled on the notherly Side of that line may belong to Newington, which line we pray may begin at Coll[ll] Rich[d] Waldron's farm in the long reach on which James Gray lives & run thence directly over to Thom[s] Pickerins ffarm so as to take in the houses on each ffarm, so your Petitioners Shall ever pray as in duty bound & subscribe

21. April 1721— Jn[o] Knight, Moses Dam, Richard Downing } select men

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[*Portsmouth, Hampton, Exeter, and Dover.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 15.]

for A setlment of y[e] Ainshant bounds of y[e] severall towns within y[e] province nere as posable may be & Are as herein stated.

Be it enacted by y[e] Left govonor Councill & representatives convened in genrall Asemble: & be it Enacted by ye Athority of the same that y[e] bounds of hamtoun begining ten Rods Easterly from y[e] causway by y[e] sea Easte from hamtoun meeting hous & thence to Run five miles along and as nere y[e] highway As posable untell y[e] five mils be ended which is Judged to end on Joslins neck & from y[e] five miles end on A direct Line to met with y[e] end of hamton north Line ner Winnecutt river thenc, on Arrestook Lin till it Com within two mill of Exeter ould meeting house thence to A tree marked nere a place Caled as bruck: thence Leveing Exeter fals a mile & half north of y[e] Lin & to run on a west & be south Line: into y[e] woods mile: & thenc Athwart the Land to met with salsbery bounds; so on that Lin to y[e] sea sid & so to y[e] place where it first began--

Exeter bounds dtoh begin at Lamprill River Lower fals thenc to Run on A west & be north Lin eight mils into y[e] woods: & from y[e] sd fals Round as y[e] Rivers goe up to y[e] place Called whelrights Creek, & from the head thereof on A straight Line to hamtoun bound tree* standing nere* Ase bruck thence as hamton Lin Runeth into y[e] woods 9 mile & from y[e] end thereof throo y[e] woods to met y[e] end of y[e] west & be north Lin from y[e] Lower fals:

dover bounds: begins at newechawannick: thence into y[e] woods mils & from y[e] sd fals down y[e] River to Rannys cove So up & thoo y[e] River & throo y[e] bays & up Lamprill River & to y[e] Loer fals therof there to begin wher Exeter bounds begineth: & to Run

on y^e^ sd west & be north poynt — mils: from y^e^ end therof through y^e^ woods on A straight Lin to mett with y^e^ head Lin goeing from sd nechowaneck the Land allso on this sid y^e^ river from rannys Cove to hogsty Cove: to remain to dover untell an other meeting hous: shall be bult in sd towne & then to belong to portsm^o^

portsm^o^ bounds bing bounded by y^e^ sea & River & bay: & buts on all the other three towns: bounds.

memarandom allso portsm^o^ tract of Land above Dover Lin to be as it stands bounded

as for New castle & king ston Leve them as they are

*from Whelwritts Creek to the bound tree of Hampton that is two mill: ffrom Exeter ould meeting House

The House Humbly offer this to your Honors Consideration as there oppinion Henry Dow Clerk protempore

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[*Portsmouth, Hampton, Exeter, Dover, New Castle, and Kingston.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 18½.]

Province of New Hampshr } An Act to prevent Contention and Controversie that may Arise concerneing the Bounds of the Respective Towns within this Province./

{ Seal }

Be it Enacted by the L^t^ Gov^r^ Councill & Repr-sentatives Conven^d^ in Gen^rll^ Assembly and by the Authority of the same that the Line between the province and the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire from the Sea westwardly shall be the Southerly Bounds of the Town of Hampton and the Northerly Bounds as foll: viz ffive Miles due North from Hampton Meeting House to a Mark^d^ Tree at or neare Winnicott River, and thence westwardly on a direct Line to a marked Tree within two Miles of Exeter Meeting House, and thence on a direct Line to a marked Tree neare Ass Brook by the highway; and thence on a direct Line to an old Bound Tree marked a Mile and a halfe South from Exeter ffalls, and thence upon a west and by North Line as farr as the Utmost Extent of Salisbury Town Bounds westwardly. And thence to Runn a Head Line Southwardly till it meet with the aforesaid Bound Line between the province of the Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The Bounds by the Sea Eastward from Hampton Meeting House to beginn from the Causeway and thence to Runn ffive Miles

along Shoare by the high way which is Supposed to end about Joslings Neck; and thence on a direct Line Westwardly to the Bound Tree, ffive Miles North of Hampton Meeting House./

Exeter Bounds Easterwardly to beginn at the Mouth of Lamperill River and thence on a Direct Line over The Great Bay to a Marked Tree at walls Cove and thence to Runn South and by East to Hampton Bounds And thence by Hampton Bounds to the South Bound Tree a Mile and a halfe South of Exeter ffalls. And thence to runn on a west and by North Line tenn Miles into the woods. And from the Mouth of Lamperill River aforesaid up said River to the ffalls whereon was formerly a Saw Mill Comonly called Wadleighs upper Mill and thence west and by North into the Woods ffour Miles. And thence to Runn a Headline Southerly to meet with the head of the Southward Bound Line, Reserveing to the Town of Dover the whole priviledge of the Said Lamperill River Streame And ffalls, for the Erecting Mills, Damms &c: on either Side the River, without Annoyance from the Town of Exeter. And that noe Interrupcon be given by any to prevent the transportation of Timber Downe the River to the Lower ffalls by makeing Booms or otherwayes./

Dover Bounds Northerly to beginn at the Middle of Quamhegon ffalls, And soe upp the River ffour Miles or thereabout to a Marked Tree by the River Side within a Mile of Whitehall; And from the Said Quamphegon ffalls Downe the River to Hiltons point And from thence to Kennyes Creek And thence on a direct Line to Hogstie Cove, with the Mashes on the Great Bay. And ffour hundred Acres of Upland adjoyneing thereto as formerly laid out. And from Hogstie Cove Over to Lamperill River Mouth and soe up the River to the Upper ffalls, whereon was formerly a Saw Mill Comonly called wadleighs upper Mill; and thence west and by North into the Woods two Miles and thence to Runn a head Line Northerly to meet with the head of the Northward Bound Line on Newichowanock River alwayes Reserveing Unto the Town of Dover the whole priviledge of the Said Lamperill River Streame and ffalls for the Erecting Mills Damms &c: on either Side the River without Annoyance from the Town of Exeter. And that noe Interrupcon be given by any to prevent the transportation of Timber downe the River to the Lower ffalls by makeing Booms or otherwayes/

Portsmouth is Bounded by the Sea and the River And Butts on all the other three Towns before mentioned.

Newcastle and Kingstowne to be Bounded according to their Charters, provided Kingstowne doe not Entrench upon Exeter Bounds./

And whereas Sundry Lands such as the Lands of Swampscott and those Lands between Hampton and the Massachusetts Bounds are now Settled within the Bounds of our Towns aforesaid which were not fformerly. Soe all persons haveing Right title or interest in and to the Said Lands are hereby p'served in their Said Rights and Properties as fully and Amply as before this Settlement./

[p. 169.] consented to by the Council wth this Addition that y^{e} Towns of New Castle & Kings Town be bounded According to their Charters, provided Kingston doe not entrench upon Exeter bounds & in Exeter bounds instead of saying (& thence by Hampton bounds to a Mark't tree near Asse brook & thence nine miles into the woods on the Same point of y^{e} Compasse y^{t} Hampton line runneth) to Say (& thence by Hampton bounds to y^{e} South bound tree, a mile & a halfe south of Exeter Falls & thence to run on a West by North Line 10 miles into y^{e} Woods)

past by the Assembly Henry Dow Clerke protempory

[*Port mouth, Hampton, Exeter, Dover, New Castle, and Kingston, 1701.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 27.]

20 June 1701

We Whose Names are hereunto Subscribed being appointed A Commitee to Consider of all papers put in or can be produced by the Towns or their Representatives Concerning the Bounds of Sayd Towns and to a Report of our oppinions in order to a Settellment there of We Have accordingly perused and Considered of all the sayd papers And is Humbly of the Opinion That Hampton Bounds on the North side is to Run begining att a stake or Marked tree on the northerly side Joslings neck by the sea Side as by agrement doe appeare And from thence on a streigh line to Meet With the End of the ffive Miles due north ffrom Hampton Meeting House not ffar ffrom Winicut River And ffrom thence Westerly as fformerly Bounded out by the Commities Appointed ffor that End the date of the Commities Return being 1652 & 1653

And that Exeter bounds be Exactly according to the Returnes

under the Hands of y^e^ Committies appointed ffor that End bareing date the 8^th^ of the 8^th^ Month 1667 and the 19^th^ of october 1652

And that Dover bounds Alias Northam to begin att the Creek next lamprill River and thence to the lower ffalls And from thence on A West and by North line into the Woods Sixe Miles as appeare by the Returne of the Committie baring date the 19^th^ of october 1652

And as ffor Portsmouth We ffind no Certaine bounds sett but according to What We ffind & Judg all the lands between the bounds of Hampton Exeter & Dover doth belong unto Portsmouth ther having bin Commities Appointed for Considering What lands did belong unto sayd Portsmouth one of Which bare date the 7^th^ Month 1643—

Also the Bounds of a trackt of land granted to the Towne of Portsmouth about thirtie years past bounded and layd out & Return made therof lieng and being on the Westerly side of Dover bounds to be allowed as bounded out

As ffor New Castell & Kingstowne We leave them as thay are

All which is Humbly Submitted to W^m^ Vaughan

Peter Coffin only Exsepting against the Land that Lyeth above Cha wiggings toward Exeter not belonging to postmouth

Henry Dow
John pickerin

[*Portsmouth, Hampton, Exeter and Dover, 1701.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 17.]

A Bill

To prevent contention & Controversies that may arise concerning the bounds of the respective Towns w^th^in this Province

Be it enacted &c^a^

y^t^ The line Between the Provinces of y^e^ Massachusets bay & New Hampshire from the Sea Westwardly shall be the Southerly bounds of y^e^ Town of Hampton & y^e^ Northerly bounds as ffolo^s^ viz^t^ ffive mile due North from Hampton meeting house to a Markt tree at or near Winicot River & thence westwardly on a direct line to a markt tree w^th^in 2 miles of Exeter meeting house & thence on a direct line to a markt tree near asse brook by the high way & thence on a direct line to an old bound mark'd tree a mile & a halfe South from Exeter Falls & thence upon a West & by North line as

ffar as the utmost extent of Salisbury town bounds westwardly & thence to run a head line southwardly till it meet w^th^ the afores^d^ bound line between the provinces of Massachusets & N Hampsh^r^

the bounds by the sea Eastward from Hampton Meeting house to beginn from y^e^ Causey & thence to run five miles along shore by y^e^ high way w^ch^ is supposed to end ab^t^ Joselins Neck & thence on a Direct line westwardly to y^e^ bound tree 5 mile north of Hampton meeting house

Exeter bounds Eastw^dly^ to begin at y^e^ mouth of Lampril river & thence on a direct line Over y^e^ Great bay to a markt tree at Walls cove & thence to run South & by East to Hampton bounds & thence by Hampton bounds to a mark't tree near asse brook & thence 9 mile into y^e^ Woods on the Same point of y^e^ Compasse y^t^ Hampton line runneth & From y^e^ mouth of Lampril river afores^d^ up s^d^ river to the Falls whereon was form^rly^ a Saw Mill comonly call'd Wadleigh's upper mill & thence west & by North into y^e^ woods 4 mile & thence to run a head line Southwardly to meet w^th^ y^e^ head of y^e^ Soutw^d^ bound line reserveing to y^e^ town of Dover y^e^ whole priviledge of y^e^ S^d^ Lamprill river Stream & Falls ffor y^e^ erecting mills Dams &c^a^ on either side the river w^th^out annoyance from the Town of Exeter & that noe Interuption be given by any to prevent y^e^ transportation of timber down y^e^ River to y^e^ Lower Falls, by makeing booms or otherwais

Dover bounds North^rly^ to begin at y^e^ Middle of Quamphegon Falls & Soe up y^e^ river ffour miles or thereab^ts^ to a Markt tree by the river side w^th^in a mile of Whitehall & From y^e^ S^d^ Quamphegon Falls down the River to Hiltons Point & From thence to Kennys creek & thence on a Direct line to Hogsty cove w^th^ y^e^ Marishes on y^e^ great bay & 400 acres upland Joyning thereto as form^rly^ laid out, & from Hogsty Cove over to Lampril river mouth & Soe up y^e^ river to y^e^ upper ffalls whereon was fform^rly^ a Saw Mill comonly called Wadleighs upper mill & thence west & by North into the woods two Mile & thence to run a head line Northerly to meet w^th^ the head of the northw^d^ bound line on Nechowonuck river alwaies reserving unto y^e^ town of Dover the whole priviledge of y^e^ s^d^ Lampril river, Stream & Falls ffor the erecting Mills Dams &c^a^ on either side the river w^th^out annoyance from the Town of Exeter & that noe Interuption be given by any to prevent the transportation of timber Down y^e^ river to y^e^ Lower Falls by makeing booms or otherwaies

Portsm^o^ is bounded by y^e^ Sea y^e^ river & butts on all the other three Towns before mention'd—

And Whereas Sundry Lands such as the Lands of Quamscott and those Lands between Hampton and the Massachusetts Bounds are now Settled within the Bounds of our Towns aforesaid which were not formerly Soe. All persons haveing Right title or interest in and to the said Lands are hereby preserved in their Said Rights and properties as fully and Amply as before this Settlement./

30 August 1701 past by the Assembly

Henry Dow Clerk protempore

12th Sepbr 1701 this Bill haveing been 3 times read past the Councill and Ordered to be Engrossed Cha : Story Secretary

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[*Committee to Run Town Lines, 1701.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 35.]

Province of New Hampshr } Att a Council held at Portsmo the 3rd of December 1701

Whereas the Bounds of the Severall Towns in this province, are Settled by Law, and noe persons are yett appointed to Runn the Lines between the Said Towns./

Ordered by the Lt Govr and Councill, that the men hereafter mentioned, are appointed for to Runn the Lines, between Town and Town in Said province with Such others as the Select men of the Severall Towns, shall send with them. And to make Good and Suffitient Bound Trees or Bound Marks; and to beginn to proceed in soe doeing; the next Monday being the Eighth day instant; if the Season will permitt and soe to continue Untill the Same be finished if the Season prevent not if it doe to take the first oppertunitye to beginn and finish the same as the weather will Allow.

The Men appointed is three in every Town them or any two of them./

ffor the Town of portsmo { Major Wm Vaughan, Capt Mark Hunkin, Capt Jno Pickerin

ffor the Town of Hampton { Nathll Weare Esqr, Capt Henry Dow, Ephraim Marston

ffor the Town of Dover { Capt John Tuttle, L James Davis, Lt Wm ffurber

ffor the Town of Exeter { m^r^ Jonathan Wadleigh / Ensigne Nicholas Gilman / John ffoulsham

ffor the Town of Newcastle { m^r^ James Randle / James Leach / W^m^ Berry

By the Order of the L^t^ Govern^r^ and Councill/

Cha: Story Secretary

Rune y^e^ Line from Sampsones poynt to Hampton Bounds, and is 4½ Miles, South weste, & from thence to y^e^ sea, to the Estward of Ragged Necke to a Stake Droven in the Pond on an Este poynt and is Two mile—

New Cassell bownds is from Sampsones Point on y^e^ South Side of Sagamors Crike & from thens South weste to Hampton Bownds and Then Este to the sea

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[*Report of Committee to Run Town Lines, 1701.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 37.]

1701 8 December In Obedience to an Order of Councill held at Portsm^o^ the 3^rd^ x^br^ 1701

Ther Mett at Hampton Beach of the Com'ittie Apointed to Run the lines Between Towne and Towne Majer William Vaughan Capt^n^ John Pickering Henry Dow M^r^ Nathanil Weare Ephraim Maston Ens Nicolis Gilman M^r^ Jonathan Wadleigh left Will: ffurber There We differd and agreed to meet the 9^th^ December att Hampton tree 5 Mile North of there Meeting House Where Mett on the 9^th^ & 10 day Majer Vaughan Nathanil Weare Esq^r^ Henry Dow Ephraim Maston M^r^ Gilman M^r^ Wadleigh left^nt^ William ffurber We Run the line ffrom Hampton North tree five mile ffrom there Meeting House Which is a Beach Marked H: P: 1701 with severall other letters a maple marked Southerly the Bound tree Stand a littell more than a Rod Southerly of a litell Run and 136 Rod upon a East point to the Road Way from Hampton to Portsmouth to a great Hemlock Marked H: on the Easterly Side Marked for the finding the North tree againe) ffrom Hampton North tree as above mentioned We Run the line upon a West South West point untill We Came within two Mile of Exeter pressent meeting House and marked the tres Then We Run the line ffrom Exeter pressent Meeting House East North East two mile by

Measure to a Small thriveing White oak 6 or 8 Inchis through standing in low ground Marked H W : H D : W F : N G : E M : S K : N W and severall tres marked Round it : With other letters on the bound tree : We likewise Run the line ffrom Walls Cove (Com-'only So called) by Exeter River : upon a South and by East point and marked the trees to the affore Sayd line that Run from Hampton north tree to Exeter Meeting House : And the Bound tree Between Portsmouth Hampton and Exeter there standing is a prittie great Beach marked H D : 1701 : H : P : W W : W F : December Some other letters : And Severall other trees marked Round it) And on the 12 & 13 day of December Majer Vaughan M^r Weare Henry Dow : Ens Gilman Ephraim Marston M^r Jonathan Wadleigh Left^nt ffurber and John ffoulshem mett att the South tree A mile and a half South of Exeter ffals Which South bound tree is a decaieng great Beach marked H D : N G : 1701 : an ould Mark 1670 : Severall trees Marked Round But to the west ward about a Rod is a small Beach marked by a Way With 1701 : W F : E M : H D : December 14 : ffrom that South tree We Measured and Marked the trees ten mile upon A West and by North point to a Croched pine tree Standing in a Swamp Marked J W : 1701 : H D : N G : with other letters and a tree of poyson Wood growing by Sayd pine and Severall other trees Marked Round it And on the : 15 : 16 : 17 : 18 : 19 : days of December 1701 : Mett Majer William Vaughan M^r William Cotten left : William ffurber Capt^n Henry Dow Ephraim Marston Ens Nicolus Gilman M^r Jonathan Wadleigh and Jeams leach and the 17 : 18 : 19 : day William Berry Was With us And We Run the Line ffrom Rennys Creeke Com'only so called ffrom an ould Stub there marked West and by South and marked the trees to Hogstie Cove so called to a White oak standing in left^nt ffurbers pasture thus Marked W C : H D : W F : J W : E M : N G : with other Letters And we measured ffrom Hampton Casway according to order five mile along shore And piched a stake by the Edg of the Meadow ground and Layd stons about sayd stake And We Run the line ffrom Hampton Bound tree five mile north of there meeting House upon an East South East point one quarter southerly and marked the trees to sayd stake by the Beach five mile ffrom Hampton Casway And We Run the line ffrom Sampsons Point according to New Castell Charter and marked the trees to the line between Portsmouth and Hampton to a Bound tree a Beach thus marked E : M : N G : W F : H D : J W : 1701 Severall other letters : With trees marked Round it : Which Sayd Beach is the Bounds Between

Portsmouth Hampton and New Castell Then We Run an East line to the sea or Beach to a stake by the side of a Pond Between Raggid Neck and Sandy Beach And on the 22 : & 23 of December 1701 there mett at Lampry River ffals Where M^r^ Wadleighs uper mill stood; Majer William Vaughan M^r^ William Cotten Jeams Leach left^nt^ William ffurber left^nt^ James Davis & William Berry And We tooke our departure ffrom the Midell of sd ffals So near as We Could Judg And Measured upon A West an by North point of the Compas two mile to a great maple tree Standing on the West side of the North River Com'only so Called Not above fower Rod from thence And a great Butten Wood tree stand near sayd Maple and is att the ffoot of a Hill Which sayd Maple is thus Marked With a D and an E : And ffrom sayd Maple We measured two mile ffother on the same point of the Compas West an by North to the top of A great Hill to a Pich Pine tree they marked With an E And small White Oak Standing By it With sundry letters marked on it There is also an other great Hill att some disstance baring West from this Hill where the Pich Pine bound tree stand and We Marked the trees the Whole ffower miles Lenth And ffother upon the 20^th^ of May 1702 att the Bound tree two mile ffrom Exeter Pressent Meeting House upon an East North East Point att that bound tree Mett Nath^ll^ Weare Esq^r^ Henry Dow Ens : Nicolus Gilman Ephraim Marston and John ffoulshem and We Run the line Between Hampton and Exeter to the Bound tree by ass Brook and marked trees Which line ffrom the two mile tree above sayd to the Bounds att ass Brook Was a south point of the Compas one quarter of A point Easterly and the trees are Marked ffore and Aft And as ffor the line from the South tree one mile and a Half South ffrom Exeter ffals to the Bound tree by ass Brook that being Run the twentie third day of July last by Severall of us of Hampton and Exeter appointed to Run it now and some others of Hampton and Exeter and it agreeing then with the ould and antient Bound trees fformerly made and being then consented too by all present We now agree this day to stand to that ould line Which is ffrom the South tree a mile and a Half ffrom Exeter ffalls upon A streight line to the bound tree att ase Brooke ould bounds

And att Dover the 22^th^ January 170½ ther met Majer William Vaughan Capt^n^ Mark Hunkins trased the land Betwen Newchewanuck ffals and Trysterum Heards and judg it to lye one from the other East and West neare five mile distance and from thence to Dover bound tree nere White Hall ould Wigwam some few

Rods short therof on the Rissing ground Just by the Ways side A small valley being Between sayd tree and Wigwam it being a pich pine Which we found marked and was the ould bound marked tre as we are informed by Mr Ezekell Wintsworth Who sayd it was nere one mile and a quarter to Newchewanuck River & two mile and a half to Cochecho: River and five mile to the affore sd Heards House & lyes ffrom Sayd House to sayd tree nerest North and by West & South and by East so that from quamphegon falls to sayd bound tree is North west half a point westerly distance nearest seaven miles Which tree We found marked on the Westerly side with a p: and had bin Burnt over with the fire and Judg it to be part of portsmouth New Towne Bounds and the three other sids of the tree we marked with a D: this Before Written We give in as a tru Return: under our Hands:

Wm Vaughan	Wm ffurber	Nicolas Gillman
Nathll Weare	Ephm marston	Jonathan wadleih
Henry Dow	James Leach	James Davis
John foullsam	ye mark of X william Berry	

29th of May 1702 Returned/

Past & approved by the Leiut Govr & Councill; & ordered that the persons who Runn the Said Lines be paid for their care & Deligence out of ye Publick Treasury each person 3s ℔ diem.

Cha: Story Secretary

[*Account of Committee to Run Town Lines, 1701.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 43.]

A tru account of those Men that attented to Run the lines Between Towne and Towne in this province By order

8th December 1701
Majer William Vaughan
Captn John pickering
Nathll Weare Esqr
Captn Henry Dow
Ephraim Maston
Left Will ffurber
Ens Nick: Gilman
Mr Jonathan Wadleigh

9: 10: December 1701
Majer Will: Vaughan
Mr Nathll Weare
Captn Henry Dow
Ephraim Marston
Ens Nick: Gilman
Mr Jonathan Wadleigh
Left Will: ffurber
two days apece

12 & 13 December 1701
Majer Vaughan
Mr Weare
Henry Dow
Ephraim Marston
left Will ffurber
John ffoulshem
Ens Gilman
Mr Wadleigh
two days apece

16 December 1701 present
Mager Will: Vaughan
Mr William Cotten
Captn Henry Dow
Ephraim Marston
left Will: ffurber
Ens Nick: Gilman
Mr Jonathan Wadleigh
Mr James Leach

18th & 19th December 1701
the above 9 men were
present both Days (Viz)
Majer Will Vaughan
Mr Will Cotten
Henry Dow
Ephrain Marston
Leftnt Will: ffurber
Ens Gilman
Mr Jonathan Wadleigh
Mr James leach
Will: Berry:

15 December 1701
Majer Vaughan
left ffurber
Capt Dow
Ephraim Marston
Ens Gilman
Mr Jonathan Wadleigh
James Leach
Mr William Cotten

17th December 1701 present
Majer Will: Vaughan
Mr William Cotten
Capt: Henry Dow
Ephraim Marston
Ens Gilman
Mr Jonathan Wadleigh
left Will: ffurber
James leach
Will Berry

22 January 170½
att Dover
Majer Vaughan
Capt Mark Hunckin

20 May 1702
att Exeter
Nathll Weare Esqr
Henry Dow
Ephraim Marston
Ens Nicolis Gilman
& John ffoulshem

[*Names of Persons Present at Running of Certain Lines, 1702.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 41.]

May ye 28th 1702

The Names of ye persons yt appeared at portsmouth to make ye return of whatt was Don in runinge the bounds of ye severell towns in ye provence by order of ye honrble Lt governer/

Nathll weare	John ffoullsham	william Berry
Henry Dow	Nicolas gillman	James Leach
william ffurber	Jonathan wadlah	Ephrim marston

wee pray y^e^ honor^able^ L^t^ governer & Counsell y^t^ gave order for y^e^ doinge of this worke of runinge y^e^ bounds of y^r^ respective towns that you would bee pleased to give order for our pay for so doinge

At y^e^ running of Lamperell Line—was p^r^sent viz^t^

W^m^ Vaughan	W^m^ Berry
W^m^ Coatton	james Leitch
W^m^ ffurbur	James Davis

and all ware 3 Dayes a pese (Exepte James Davis & hee was but Two Dayes) before wee Returned hoome, and it was a very Severe time of Could wether.

[*Report of Committee on Town Lines, 1718.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 45.]

We whose names are hereunto Subscribed being a Committe appointed by the General Assembly of this Province of New Hampshire in the year 1715 to Run out & Setle the Bounds of the Towns in this Province & also by an Additional Act of Said General Assembly in the Year 1718 Directing & Impowring us to Proceed and Finish Said Lines in Pursuance thereto We having at Sundry times Met & Debated on all & Every Towns Arguments & having Deliberatly Considered all the arguments Papers & Records that were Produced do thus make Our Return—

The Bounds between Hampton & Portsmouth Are a Small Beach Tre near Winecut River Marked on the South Side with H and on the North Side R: W—1718—J. F— Having Severrel Trees by it that are marked with Sundry Letters and on 1718—this Tree being Called: the North Tree and is Five Miles Due North from Hampton old Meeting House We of the Committee did Run it and Measure it on the 16^th^ Day of September 1718 and from Said Tree to Run towards the Sea Side South Sixty Seven Degrees & Thirty Minutes East or East Twenty Two Degrees & Thirty Minutes South to a Stake that is Drove Down South Fifty Degrees West Distance Seventeen Rod from Joseph Locks Corner of his Celler Door & on the Same Course to the Sea Side at Locks Point of the Neck and from Said North Tree on a West Point towards Streatham to the House of Abraham Morgan these to be the Setled Bounds between Portsmouth & Hampton—

And for the Bounds between Streatham & Hampton it Shall begin at Streathem South East Corner from Wheelwrights Creek

at the End of Three miles Run out by the Committe on the 24th of 7br 1718 at a Maple Tre marked J. W. M H. E. S. 1718: and from the Said Tree to Run North East Forty four Degrees untill it meet with the West Line from the before Said North Tree which is about 16 Rod to the Eastward of Joseph Dearbourns New House & between Streathem & Exeter from the mouth of Wheelwrights Creek at Lowwater mark to the Maple Tree above Said on a South East Point Three miles. The Bounds between Streathem & Portsmouth to begin at Sandy Point and Run Three miles South East and whereas the Committe was Deceived at the First Runing Said South East Line haveing begun Short of Said Sandy Point it is now Concluded that it Shall be measured from the Stake that was Drove down by the Committe 7br the 18th 1718 to Sandy Point and what that Distance is it Shall be Set Back from the Beach on the South Side of Winecutt River & from thence a Streight Line to the upper South East Corner from Wheelwrights Creek—

For the Line between Exeter & Hampton from the Stump of the old South Tree where We Erected a heap of Stones on Wednesday the 25th of 7br 1718 and Run from Said Heap of Stones on a West & by North Line to the Bounds between Exeter Hampton & Kingstown West & by North Line to the Bounds between Exeter & Hampton.

The Line between Kingstown & Hampton to be a North & South Line from Exeter & Hampton West & by North Line to a White Oak Stump—

Another Line between Exeter & Hampton to begin at the South East Corner of Streathem at the End of Three Mile from Wheelwrights Creek at the White Maple Tree marked J W. M H. E. S. 1718 as it was Run and marked the 24th 7br 1718 and from Said Tree South West to the South Side of the Road from Exeter to Hampton where it is marked and then West five Degrees South to Exeter South Tree or Stump where the heap of Stones are Erected—

The Bounds between Exeter & Kingstown Shall be the West & by North Line from the North Corner Tree of Kingstown to Hampton as We Run it up Ten Miles to a Beach Tree marked E on the North Side for Exeter & K. for Kingstown on the South Side & 1718, as We marked them on the Tenth Day of xbr this West & by North Line as We Run it up and marked to the Stated Bounds between Exeter & Kingstown to Run Two miles further on the Same West & by North Point above the abovesaid Beach Tree—

The Bounds between Dover & Exeter to begin at the First Lower Falls of Lampre River on the Land Just adjoyning to a Great Picked Rock & a flat Rock Standing Close on the Lower Side thereof in the River on Said Falls about Ten Rod above the Saw mill that now Stands Close on the South Side of Said River and from Said Picked Rock on a West & by North Line Crossing Piscasack River about Two Rod to the Southward of the Grist mill and So unto the Woods West & by North Six Miles to a Red oak Tree marked on the North Side D for Dover and E. for Exeter on the South Side with Severell other Letters and 6. Notches Cutt Signifying Six Miles which is the Extent of the Bounds between Dover & Exeter Exeter to Run Two Miles higher from Said Oak Tree on the Same West & by North Line & Exeter to begin at the head of Goddards Creek and Runing on a Streight Line to the above Said Falls at Lampre River at the Picked Rock.—

The Bounds of New Castle Shall begin at Sampsons Point and Run South West untill it come in Sight of the House that was Anthony Libbys where it meets Hampton Line from the North Tree to the Sea as it Setled by this Committe and from the Place where it meets Hampton Line abovesaid to Run East to the Sea to the Great Pond to a Maple at the Side of the Pond that marked and then over the Pond to the Beach to a Great Round Stone to the Eastward of Ragged Neck these Lines being According to their Charter this East Line from Hampton Line by Anthony Libbys House abovesaid to the Bounds between New Castle and Portsmouth and the abovesaid South West Line also as it was Run by the Committe 7^{br} the 17th 1718—

Portsmouth December the 24th 1718. In Testimony of our Agrement to all and Every the Bounds before made and Entered We have hereunto Set our hands—

Mark Hunking	James Davis	Thomas Webb
R. Wibird	Nicholis Gilman	Peter Wear
	Jonathan Sanborn	

James Jeffry Surveyor
Tobias Langdon at the Runing of the Two upper Lines—

Major Peter Wear do Sign with this Exception (Viz^{t}) That the Line from Streathem South East Corner from Wheelwrights Creek Should Run Streight to Exeter South Tree or Stump.

True Copy R. Waldron Sec^{try}

A True Copy att^{t} H Wentworth Cle^{r}

[*Tamworth, Eaton, and Albany.*]

[Charter Records, Vol. 4, p. 261.]

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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In the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety-six

AN ACT to empower a Committee to settle and fix the boundary lines between Tamworth and Eaton and Tamworth and Burton—

WHEREAS Thomas Cogswell Thomas Leavitt and Bradbury Cilley, agents in behalf of the Proprietors of the Township of Tamworth; Winthrop Smart Jacob Blasdell and John Banfill, agents in behalf of the Proprietors of the Township of Eaton; Moses Senter, Henry Weed, and Orlando Weed, agents in behalf of the Proprietors of the Township of Burton, all in the State of New Hampshire, have in their Petition to this Court, represented that on the fourteenth Day of October seventeen hundred and sixty six the township of Tamworth was granted, that soon afterwards Eaton and Burton were granted, Eaton adjoining on the east side and Burton on the North of Tamworth—That various disputes had arisen on the part of Eaton relative to the East line of Tamworth; on the part of Burton relative to the North line of Tamworth—That it appears that there is land sufficient to complete the above mentioned grants according to their true intent and meaning—and that from a desire to put an end to altercation & lawsuits the Petitioners agents in behalf of the said several Proprietors had agreed to lay their papers and evidence before the Honourable Simeon Olcott of Charlestown, John Peirce of Portsmouth both in the State of New Hampshire Esquires and Josiah Little of Newbury in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Esquire, and in case of the refusal or death of either of them Russell Freeman of Hanover Esquire to be joined—and that they shall be a Committee to fix the line on the East between Tamworth and Eaton, and on the North between Tamworth and Burton: the report of whom or any two of them aforesaid to be final and conclusive between the parties if made and lodged in the Office of the Secretary of this State within twelve months from the passing of the Act for the purpose —And that it was further agreed that fourteen days notice given by said Committee to the Proprietors Clerk of the townships of Tamworth, Eaton & Burton, or to one of the Agents before named

of each of those towns, of the time and place of the sitting of said Committee on the business, shall be sufficient notice, and if either of them neglect to appear to proceed exparte—And that they had further agreed to Petition this Court to pass an Act empowering said Committee to settle and fix the Lines aforesaid—Whereupon they prayed that they might have leave to bring in a Bill and that an Act might be passed empowering the said Committee to ascertain and fix the said lines under the restrictions aforesaid—which being reasonable—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened That Simeon Olcott of Charlestown John Peirce of Portsmouth both in the State of New Hampshire and Josiah Little of Newbury in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and in case of the refusal or death of one of them Russell Freeman of Hanover in the State of New Hampshire be and are hereby appointed a Committee with full Power and Authority to hear said parties their Witnesses and evidences and to settle fix and establish the Easterly boundary line of Tamworth between Tamworth and Eaton, and the Northerly boundary line of Tamworth between Tamworth and Burton—Provided that the said Committee shall give fourteen days notice to the Clerk of the Proprietors of Tamworth Eaton and Burton or to one of the Agents of the Proprietors of each of those towns petitioning for this act, of the time and place of the sitting of said Committee for the aforesaid purpose; and in case either party after such notice shall neglect to appear, the said Committee may proceed exparte—And the report of the said Committee or any two of them thereupon made in writing under their hands ascertaining and fixing said boundary lines, and lodged in the Office of the Secretary of this State within twelve months from the time of the passing this Act shall be final and conclusive between the said parties; and shall forever hereafter establish the said Lines as the true line between the said towns, and they shall accordingly be so deemed and taken.

And be it further enacted, That the said Committee be and they hereby are fully authorized and empowered to appoint (if they think necessary) a Surveyor and Chainmen to run such lines and to report to said Committee such plans relative to said Premises as either of said parties shall request—And the Surveyor so appointed shall give fourteen days notice to the Clerk of each of the Proprietors of each of said Towns of Tamworth, Eaton and Burton or to one of the Agents of the Proprietors of each of said towns

of the times and places when and where said lines are to be run and plans taken — —

And the said Committee be and hereby are fully authorized to adjudge and determine who shall pay the necessary Costs and Charges that may arise in the hearing and settling of said Lines, and to ascertain those costs in such manner as to said Committee shall appear Just & equitable—

State of New Hampshire } In the House of Representatives January 9th 1796—

The within Bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted—Sent up for Concurrence

Russell Freeman Speaker

In Senate June 10th 1796 This Bill having been read a third time, Voted that the same be enacted—

Ebenr Smith { President of the Senate

Approved June 11th 1796

J T Gilman Governor

True Copy Examined ℔ Nathl Parker Depy Secy

Whereas in and by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire passed the eleventh Day of June Anno Domini 1796 by agreement of parties authorizing and empowering us the undersigned a Committee to hear adjudge fix and determine the boundary lines betwixt Tamworth on the one part, and Eaton and Burton on the other part, as by said act, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed may more fully appear— In Pursuance of said Power and Authority, and having duly notified all the parties of time and place of hearing and their appearance in conformity thereunto, we proceeded to hear the parties, their allegations and proofs, and viewed their several papers documents and Claims have agreed to report, and do hereby report, that the lines in said Act mentioned be and hereby are settled affixed and established as follows, that is to say that the East line of Tamworth which is the West line of Eaton begin at a Pitch pine tree standing on the Patent line, so called, about one mile East of Bear Camp-River-Bridge, marked with six notches, and is the South east corner of Tamworth, and the South west corner of Eaton, from thence running North six miles to a Beach Tree marked H. G. N. H & T C & dated Dec 22d 1796, which shall be the East line of Tamworth & west line of Eaton, and from said Beach Tree to run on a line

due west until it intersects the East line of Sandwich Addition so called to a Stake marked T C about Eight feet South Easterly from said Stake is a Red Birch Tree marked H G—T C & I G which shall be the North line of Tamworth and South line of Burton so far as said Burton is adjoining on said Tamworth—

And in pursuance of said Power and Authority granted by said Act We do further adjudge and determine that the Agents of the Proprietors of Eaton pay to the Agents of the Proprietors of Tamworth the sum of Seventy Dollars and fifty Cents, as necessary costs and charges arising in hearing and settling the lines aforesaid—And also that the Agents of the Proprietors of Burton pay to the said Agents of the Proprietors of Tamworth a further Sum of Seventy Dollars and fifty Cents arising for like purposes—

Feb^{y} 8th 1797— Simeon Olcott
Josiah Little
Russell Freeman

I John Peirce named and appointed as one of the Committee to adjust and Settle the boundary lines between Tamworth, Eaton & Burton, according to the Act of the General Court hereto annexed, did refuse to undertake or perform said Trust or Business—

John Peirce

To Col^{o} Henry Gerrish Esq—

Sir—By agreement and consent of Parties You are appointed Surveyor to take a Survey of the boundary line between the Townships of Tamworth and Eaton, being the East line of Tamworth and West line of Eaton—You are to begin at a Pitch Pine tree marked with six notches, which stands on the Patent line so called about one mile east of Bear-camp River, so called, being the Southerly corner between Tamworth & Eaton and from thence to extend a North line between Tamworth and Eaton until six miles are compleated, where you are to erect a good and sufficient Monument or land mark—And from thence are to extend a line due west between Tamworth & Burton until it shall intersect the East line of Sandwich addition (so called) where you are to affix a Monument or land mark as above—You will appoint two good & qualified Chainmen who shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their duty & trust—You will Notify the Agents of the Townships Tamworth Eaton & Burton when you shall make said Survey—You will compleat said Survey and make a return thereof on oath to me the Subscriber Chairman of the Committee for Settling the boundary lines between said Tamworth Eaton & Burton on or

before the first day of March next—You are to expect your pay & reward for said Services from the Agents of the Township of Tamworth—

Concord 15th Dec 1796—℔ Order—

Simeon Olcott Chairman

Pursuant to the within appointment I Notified the Agents of Tamworth Eaton and Burton to meet me on the twenty first Day of December Instant at the within mentioned Pitch Pine Tree with six notches at the above time and place, there met me Hon^ble^ Thomas Cogswell Esq Agent for Tamworth, Jacob Blasdell Esq and Major Winthrop Smart Agents for Eaton and M^r^ Henry Weed Agents for Burton. By mutual agreement of Parties Colonel Nathan Hoit was appointed to carry the fore end of the Chain & myself the hind end of the Chain—After being sworn to the faithful discharge of our trust we began at the aforesaid Pitch Pine tree marked with six notches, and thence measured upon an old line which was then agreed to by the parties which runs North one Degree and about twenty five minutes West by the Needle Six miles to a Beach Tree about seven inches diameter which we Spotted on four sides for the North East Corner of Tamworth which tree I also marked with the letters H G N H & T C and dated it Dec^r^ 22^d^ 1796 and drove a Cent into the Westerly side of said Tree—From thence I run and spotted a line West one degree and about twenty five Minutes South, which makes it a right angle with the old line until I came to the line of Sandwich Addition where I set up a Stake for the Northwest Corner of Tamworth, said Stake is spotted and marked with the letters T C about eight feet Southeasterly from said Stake I also Spotted a Red Burch Tree which is about Eleven Inches diameter which I marked with the letters H G—T C & I G and drove a copper into the side of said tree facing the Bounds—

Tamworth Dec^r^ 24, 1796 Henry Gerrish Surveyor

I hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true copy of papers lodged in the Secretarys Office Feb^y^ 13th 1797 by a Committee empowered to settle and fix the boundary lines between Tamworth & Eaton & Tamworth & Burton—

Attest Joseph Pearson Sec^y^

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